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Subject: Invitation to start the procedure on the development of a network code on High Voltage Direct Current connections

Dear Mr Staschus,

On 20 July 2011 the European Commission received from ACER the framework guidelines on electricity grid connection. The Commission considers that these framework guidelines contribute to non-discrimination, effective competition, and the efficient functioning of the internal market. In accordance with Article 6 (6) of Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009, we requested ENTSO-E on 29 July 2011 to submit to ACER a network code on grid connection rules by March 2012 and on 5 January 2012 we requested a network code on Distribution System Operators and Industrial Load connection by January 2013.

On that basis and in order to have a complete set of connection codes, we are now requesting ENTSO-E to develop and submit a draft network code on High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) connections which is in line with the framework guidelines **by 1st May 2014**.

The network code on HVDC connections shall establish clear rules for HVDC links between synchronous areas as well as embedded HVDC links and shall also cover DC connected off-shore power park modules. A broad involvement of stakeholders in the process of developing the network code on HVDC is crucial. Therefore the Commission encourages ENTSO-E to continue an inclusive consultation process.

The Commission services are indeed at your disposal to discuss any questions which may arise in the course of drafting the network code.

Yours Sincerely,

Klaus-Dieter Borchardt

c.c.: Alberto Pototschnig (ACER)