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Dear Ms Catharina Sikow-Magny,

With reference to the draft list of electricity PCI candidates for 2015, Member States are required to confirm that projects located on their territory are assessed in the regional groups by January 9th 2015.

Projects located on Norwegian territory on the PCI list of 2013 include an interconnection between Germany and Norway, currently known as Nord.Link (1.8), and an interconnection between Norway and the United Kingdom (1.10). According to the Norwegian TSO, Statnett SF, the Norwegian internal electricity grid could handle only one connection to the United Kingdom, given the planned connection to Germany. The UK-Norway connection was thus described in quite generic terms, with two options for realizing the connection.

The level of electricity interconnections from Norway is already well above 15 percent of installed generation capacity. A new 700 MW interconnector to Denmark (SK4) was commissioned in December 2014. Licenses for an interconnector to Germany (Nord.Link) and an interconnector to the UK (NSN) were granted by the Norwegian Government the autumn 2014. With two new interconnectors, Norway's interconnection capacity will increase by almost 50 percent. A further increase in Norway's interconnection capacity could involve substantial technical challenges for the Norwegian power system and further investments in the Norwegian internal electricity grid. Further analysis should be done and more experience should be gained before we consider a further increase in the interconnector capacity.

Against this backdrop we ask that the description of projects concerning Norway on the current PCI list is maintained in the list of PCI candidates to be assessed in the regional groups. In this way two interconnectors concerning Norway are assessed in the regional groups, namely Nord.Link and one connection between Norway and the United Kingdom, with two options for realizing the connection.

Yours sincerely,
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