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Dear Ms Catharina Sikow-Magny,

With reference to the technical meeting of the decision-making body July 3 in Brussels.

The Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy is of the opinion that the description of projects connecting to Norway on the first PCI list, should be maintained. The NSOG regional list, which will be submitted to ACER and to the high level decision-making body for adoption, should include two projects connecting to Norway, NordLink and "PCI Norway – United Kingdom interconnection". In the NSOG group three projects connecting to Norway have been assessed, namely NordLink, NSN and NorthConnect. In the meeting on Friday, we asked that NSN and NorthConnect are seen as two options for realizing the same project, under the label "PCI Norway – United Kingdom interconnection". With two new interconnectors, one to Germany and one to the UK, Norway's interconnection capacity will increase by almost 50 percent. A further increase in Norway's interconnection capacity could involve substantial challenges for the Norwegian power system and further investments in the Norwegian internal electricity grid.

Our understanding of your position is that you consider this a pragmatic approach. We understand that it is possible to come back with a description later, and we will work with our colleagues in DECC on this issue. We will notify the Commission when we have prepared a description of the project.

Yours sincerely,
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