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To: EXEMPTION-AQUIND
Subject: Subject: Referral of the exemption request of AQUIND Limited for a new 2000 MW electricity interconnector between France and Great-Britain to the Agency for decision

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Referral of the exemption request of AQUIND Limited for a new 2000 MW electricity interconnector between France and Great-Britain to the Agency for decision

With regard to the above subject and the notification that the Commission de régulation de l'énergie ("CRE") and the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets ("Ofgem") have referred the request of AQUIND Limited for exemption under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 with regard to a new 2000 MW electricity interconnector between France and Great-Britain to the Agency for decision, NKT wish to provide a brief summary of our observations in relation to this project.

NKT is one of the world's leading suppliers of high-voltage cable systems for submarine and underground power transmission applications, with over 60 years' experience in the field of high voltage AC and DC cable systems. We are familiar with the concept behind the Aquind Interconnector project having had some engagement with this project over the past few years, now recognising that AQUIND Limited has reached the stage of requesting a partial exemption from Article 16(6) of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 and from Articles 9, 32, 37(6) and 37(10) of Directive 2009/72/EC for a period of 25 years from the commissioning date.

The AQUIND interconnector project involves the use of proven cable technology in a configuration of two independent symmetrical monopoles delivering 2 x 1000 MW of power, thus enabling more flexibility and reliability with increased security of supply via two way power flow between Great-Britain and France. The AQUIND Interconnector, has been included on the Project of Common Interest list which further demonstrates its fundamental value to European supply of electricity.

We would kindly request that any communication remains confidential and trust our observations are taken in to consideration.

Best regards,

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