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To whom it may concern,

AQUIND Interconnector project is a subsea and underground High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electric power transmission link between Lovedean in Hampshire (England) and Barnabos in Normandy (France) developed without any government subsidies.

AQUIND Interconnector aims to achieve affordability for consumers, sustainability and the security of energy supply across Europe. The project has been included into the third pan-European PCI (Project of Common Interest) list thus recognising its added value to European long-term objectives.

APCO Worldwide is a public affairs and influence consultancy that enables clients to achieve their objectives through insightful counsel, authentic advocacy and creative communications. APCO Worldwide operates across major business, financial, political and media markets throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East & Africa and Asia Pacific regions.

APCO Worldwide has significant experience and expertise in energy sectors, advising key operators and distributors in the industry, and in the traditional and renewable sectors including interconnectors. Our long-term work on these topics has allowed our experts to acquire extensive knowledge, sharp analysis and global perspectives on energy issues.

Among its clients under contractual relationship, APCO is pleased to advice and accompany AQUIND Interconnector project throughout its development.

Indeed, the project has undergone extensive public consultations in the UK and the concertation in France is ongoing. International medias and leading specialists of the energy sector have acknowledged AQUIND Interconnector's interest and recognize the opportunities and benefits that it would allow (please see attached clipping).

As such, APCO Worldwide strongly believe the project provides key support to European energy, environment and business objectives. In the context of Brexit, the private funding enabling the project yields a major and positive signal for lasting solid business bonds and the integration of energy markets.

Accordingly, APCO Worldwide would welcome that its representation will be considered in ACER's decision-making process.

APCO Worldwide remains at your disposal should you require any additional information.

Best regards,

