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Response to GTE+ 2010 AWP Consultation Initial Proposals

Dear Nigel,

We appreciate the willingness of GTE+ to rapidly move towards the implementation of the Third Package as well as the opportunity to comment on your 2010 AWP proposal in that we believe that stakeholders' coordination and dialogue in this transition phase represent the best way forward to achieve the ambition to establish a single and well functioning gas market in Europe.

In our response as outlined in the answers to your questionnaire we would like to draw your attention to three key messages:

- The Third Package has received the approval of both the European Parliament and the Council and soon it will be published on the Official Journal. We expect its letter and its spirit to be reflected in the work of all formal bodies to be established;
- Role, competences and sequencing for/of required actions as defined in the Third Package have to be observed rigorously to avoid duplication of work and to ensure that deliverables are the result of a fair balance among all views and legitimate interests;
- Previous work and contributions on the workplan selected activities should be taken into account to ensure that the process towards the single European gas market proceeds smoothly and without undue delay.

We hope that you will find the answers attached to this letter useful and that we will have opportunities to continue the dialogue on all the activities you intend to work on. Should you require any further information please contact us at the addresses enclosed in the questionnaire.

Kind regards
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