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Invitation to the 1st Stakeholder group meeting of the Gas Regional Initiative North - North West

Dear,

On the 28th of June the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) launched the Gas Regional Initiative (GRI) for the North - North West Region as part of ERGEG regional initiative. The idea behind this project is to identify and to remove key barriers to competition on a regional level as a stepping-stone to a single competitive European gas market. Therefore it is intended that each GRI identifies, publishes and consults the priorities and actions identified in their region.

The Chair of the North - North West Region, DTe, and the National Regulator are pleased to invite you to participate in the first meeting of the Stakeholder Group (SG) on the **9th of October, 2006 from 10.00 – 18.00 in the Kurhaus hotel in The Hague.**

Key stakeholders such as producers, consumers, traders, suppliers and Member State governments will participate in the project through the stakeholders group (SG). The SG is a consultation group. The consultation will take place in a conference with workshops on identified priorities. The SG meeting will produce a report with recommendations to the IG and RCC on discussed priorities.

Transparency in the process is important and reports of each meeting and other reports that are produced will be published on the ERGEG website.

Without your support in the GRI, it will be harder to make progress in tackling the issues that have been identified. We would like, therefore, to highlight the importance of your collaboration and to invite you to join with the Regulators in realizing the goals of this initiative.

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Working papers for the meeting will be uploaded on the website prior to the meeting. On http://www.ergreg.org/portal/page/portal/ERGEG_HOME/ERGEG_RI and in the accompanied fact sheet you can find more information on the GRI.

We ask every member of the SG to send one representative to the meeting and to sign up before the September 13th by sending an email to Ms Myung van Leeuwen (s.m.vanleeuwen@nmanet.nl, +31 (0)70 330 3394). You can also contact her for more information on the meeting. She will make sure that you will get all the relevant information in time.

We are looking forward to meeting you in The Hague on October 9.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Plug', is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

Peter Plug
Director of the Dutch Office of Energy Regulation (DTe)
Chairman RCC North-North West