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**MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
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**Ms Fiona Marshall  
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Compliance Committee  
UN Economic Commission for Europe  
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Dear Ms. Marshall,

I would like to make some comments on the letter of the Communicant of 3 July 2019 related to the case ACCC/C/2015/126.

Minister of the Environment has already presented all the evidence for the relevant questions of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning the construction of the Ełk – Alytus power line. As it has been indicated in the previous letters, the cable variant was analysed both by the regional directorate of environmental protection and Voivode of Podlaskie Voivodship. Due to the high costs and also relatively high impact on the environment this option was abandoned. I am not in a position to give now any opinion on what the best available technique in construction of this particular power line was. That question has been subject to evaluation of professional authorities and it could not be regarded as a matter relevant in the proceedings before the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. However, if the Committee would like to request any further clarifications concerning this issue, I would be happy to provide further clarifications on the matter.

In my previous correspondence I also explained when and how the public was informed about the investment, how the consultation process was conducted and how a relevant public authorities answered the comments made by the society. Nevertheless, if the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee wishes to obtain any further information concerning this issue I am ready to provide it.

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