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Dear Ms. Marshall

Referring to the letter from the interested party of June 25, 2019 in ACCC / C / 2015/126. I would like to inform you that the public consultation presented by the interested party regarding the technology of making the 2x400kV line construction can not be taken into account because its implementation was imposed by state authorities in advance without any possibility of consulting the community affected by this investment.

It should be emphasized that public consultations are a form of dialogue that the office with the residents conducts, in order to consult their opinions on various important issues. Put simply, it is a conversation whose purpose is not only to inform the inhabitants about some matters, but also to find out what they think about them. **The goal is to develop solutions with the inhabitants of a given community in a timely manner that will take into account the needs of this local community.**

The local community about the ongoing procedure regarding the construction of the 2x400kV line in the municipality of Bakałarzewo did not learn until the beginning of 2012. Thus, the technology for the implementation of such a line was imposed in advance by Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne S.A. without any public consultation with the residents of the Bakałarzewo commune affected by this investment, and approved by the state authorities.

The denial of the construction of the 2x400kV line in the cable variant was imposed in advance without any research on new technologies used in Western Europe. Types of cable technologies used in the construction of the line were previously presented by the Messenger in the complaint. And the costs of such a line are much lower than presented in the letters of

RDOŚ and GDOŚ. Meanwhile, the decision of RDOŚ, GDOŚ and substitute management of the Podlasie Voivode **concerns the construction of "overhead power line 2x400kV ELK - Polish border"**. State authorities have only stated that the costs of cable line construction are greater without examining this. The messenger raised this in the complaint revealing other possibilities of building lines that do not affect the environment of people and animals - such as Svenska Kraft.

At the same time, it should be emphasized that at the beginning of the proceedings, the Aarhus Compliance Committee applied to the interested party for evidence in the form of a record of the meeting regarding social consultations in the cable variant for the discussed line, but none of the parties has received such confirmation so far. In response, the interested party (Polish government) only admitted that the meetings did not take place, and the decisions on the choice of the variant were taken by the state authorities.

Therefore, the accusation of not carrying out public consultations with the residents affected by the construction of the cable version line is justified and deserving of consideration.

Sincerely

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