

Brussels, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Public Consultation by the CRE on conditions for access to gas transmission networks for gas intensive consumers.**

Attn: Direction des infrastructures et réseaux de gaz, Paris, France.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Statoil welcomes the opportunity to send a response to the launched consultation related to the conditions for access to gas transmission networks for gas intensive consumers.

Statoil has been following closely the price spread evolution between PEG North and PEG South on the gas spot market and the sharp increase since the first half of 2011, which is even higher today in the PEG South where there is a high volatility of prices.

Statoil has examined the consultation document thoroughly and has assessed both the context and the measures taking into account the present scenario in the south of France.

However Statoil strongly believes in fair and equal treatment in the market worldwide and has supported the auction process from an early stage for the commercialization of capacities since this is the best way to secure gas for all parts intervening in the market.

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Yours faithfully,

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