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DIRECTORATE C - Conventional Energies  
The Director

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**RECEIPT OF A NOTIFICATION OF A DECISION TO EXEMPT THE  
BACTON-BALGZAND PIPELINE (BBL) FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
THE GAS DIRECTIVE**

On 12 April 2005, the Directorate General for Energy and Transport was notified of a decision by The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (OFGEM) and the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs to exempt the above mentioned project from the requirements in the Gas Directive 2003/55 relating to the provision of third party access.

Further information relating to this decision can be found at:

[http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/11072\\_11405.pdf](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/11072_11405.pdf)

The Commission is required to assess this decision and, within two months, inform the authorities concerned as to whether it will request the withdrawal or amendment of the decision.

Third parties are invited to send any observations they may have on this subject to the relevant case handler in the Directorate General for Energy and Transport, William Webster, tel. +32-2-295.10.47, [William.Webster@cec.eu.int](mailto:William.Webster@cec.eu.int) within two weeks of the date of this information note.

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