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Dear President,

*The Commission would like to thank the Sénat for its Opinion on the Communication on an Energy Roadmap 2050 {COM(2011) 885 final} and apologises for the delay in replying.*

*The Commission shares the Sénat's views on many important points, in particular that security of supply remains a fundamental objective of EU energy policy and that the transition of the energy system must be conducted in a way that does not compromise on this objective. Moreover, it agrees that the internal energy market must be completed by 2014; that Member States have the right to choose between different energy sources provided that EU law is fully respected; and that economic and financial impacts of energy transition must be fully considered for any further legislative proposal in this field.*

*Regarding the Sénat's comments on nuclear and CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage), the Roadmap does not choose a preferred pathway but rather shows possible development in previously defined assumptions. Nuclear energy is a decarbonisation option that today provides most of the EU's low-carbon electricity. While the analysis of the Roadmap 2050 suggests that long-term transition of the energy system is possible also with only a limited contribution from nuclear, it further shows that nuclear energy contributes to lower system costs and lower electricity prices. Uncertainty about the commercial roll-out of CCS is explicitly addressed in the Roadmap scenarios and the Commission shares the Sénat's view that technical and economic viability of this technology still needs to be demonstrated.*

*The Commission hopes that these comments address the issues raised in the Sénat's Opinion and looks forward to continuing our policy dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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