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Dear Mr Forsberg,

Thank you for sending the position of the Swedish Parliament on the Commission's Green Paper *Towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European energy network*.

We appreciate your interest in this subject and welcome the broad debate which you have stimulated in the Swedish Parliament and among Swedish interest groups on this important subject.

Your contribution makes many important points and the Commission services will analyse it fully.

I welcome the fact that there are many areas where we have common perceptions, particularly on the need to embed energy network measures and projects more closely into the wider energy and climate policy framework. Above all, this means, as you make clear, that we need to urgently update, renew and rethink networks and network planning as part of our efforts to achieve the EU energy and climate goals.

Following the European Council meeting of 19-20 March 2009, and in line with the conclusions on the Strategic Energy Review, the Commission is working on the next step in this policy, with a view to developing a new energy infrastructure instrument to build on and eventually replace the present instrument dealing with the support to TransEuropean Networks for Energy.

In the meantime, I draw your attention to the high profile which is given to energy networks in the Commission's Economic Recovery Plan adopted by the European Parliament on May 6, 2009. Almost 4 billion euros are earmarked for projects involving gas and electricity interconnections, carbon capture and storage and offshore wind technologies.

I look forward to continuing the debate with you on this highly strategic topic.

Yours sincerely

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