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28 May 2018

Dear Mr Barnier,

We are writing to underline the importance of the European Union's future energy and climate relationship with the United Kingdom (UK). This letter is intended to support your work in the negotiations.

Eurelectric believes cooperation between the UK and EU on energy matters should continue to be aligned as closely as possible. The development of the internal energy market (IEM) has had significant benefits for consumers in both the EU and the wider European Economic Area, including those in the UK.

Therefore, the European Commission Notice to Stakeholders on the Withdrawal of the UK and the IEM published on 27 April points out several issues that would arise from a breakdown in collaboration. If this scenario was to be realised, it is the view of Eurelectric that it would be harmful to both the UK and the EU. Such an outcome would result in less efficient trading, poorer predictability and visibility of energy flows, long term regulatory divergence; creating a significant risk to investment, security of supply and ultimately to consumer bills. In summary, the impact of a breakdown in the energy relationship between the UK and the EU would be detrimental to both parties.

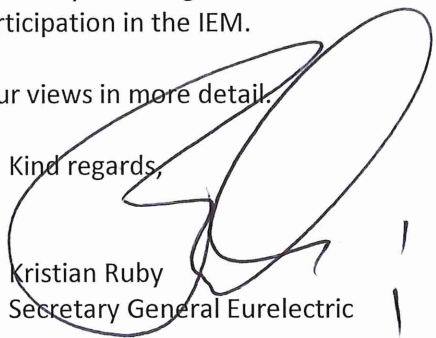
As you are aware, from your recent visit, Ireland operates a Single Electricity Market (SEM) between Ireland and Northern Ireland and connects to the IEM through the UK. Maintaining this integrated arrangement is crucial to delivering an efficient market, value for consumers, planned investment and security of supply on the island.

Energy and climate are priorities for both the EU and the UK and should be a priority area of discussion for the future partnership between the EU and UK. Any future relationship must enable close collaboration to continue, providing stability for energy undertakings and businesses, maintaining incentives for investment and most importantly allowing consumers to continue to benefit from the efficiencies that come with the UK's participation in the IEM.

We would be more than happy to meet you to discuss our views in more detail.

Kind regards,

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