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Dear Ms von der Leyen,

The Members of the Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future (REEF) would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the European Commission. We are delighted that this prestigious and influential office has not only gained an experienced politician of international standing but also a European enthusiast who will strengthen the European vision in a responsible and sustainable way promoting peace and prosperity for citizens.

Constituted in 2011, REEF comprises CEOs from leading European renewable energy companies, Transmission System Operators (TSOs) and technology providers, whose core business is to electrify Europe while mitigating climate change. Some of our key focus areas include maximising the integration of renewable energies and deploying innovative and digital technologies. Furthermore, we contribute to the development of an interconnected European grid with empowered markets and consumers.

We have established several key principles aimed at leading the way to a sustainable, socially acceptable, economically viable, secure and consumer friendly energy transition. They include, among others, creating an efficient market, fostering regional governance, embracing digital solutions and mobilising consumers.

Your proposal for a European Green Deal presents a historic opportunity for the European Union to maintain its international leadership on climate action and adaptation. Our common challenge will now be to demonstrate that a carbon-neutral society is not only technically feasible but also economically viable. In fact, the REEF companies strongly support a climate law as an ultimate way of reliable regulatory framework.



To align with your objectives, we propose the following focus areas that could accelerate the effort to energise Europe in a sustainable way and help achieve our common goals:

- 1. Integration of renewable energies facilitated by a flexible, digital and interconnected power grid is fundamental to realise the European Green Deal. We would underline that security of supply enabled by a reliable, secure and efficient energy system and maintaining critical grid infrastructure should always remain at the core of Europe's energy strategy.*
- 2. Strengthening of markets and carbon pricing will deliver a cost efficient and affordable European Green Deal. A global carbon price and a border carbon tax mechanism would help provide a level playing field to avoid carbon leakage. Innovative technologies, eco-conception, digitalisation and due attention to cyber security all across the power value chain, would play a key role.*
- 3. The European Green Deal needs to ensure that the energy transition is socially just and fair. Incentivisation of consumers and public acceptance of the infrastructure combined with a strong commitment from European, national and local authorities will be key success factors.*
- 4. Political alignment and cooperation between governments, regulators, producers, transmission and distribution operators, as well as technology providers, are key to achieve the European Green Deal.*
- 5. We fully support the "Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace" (2018) in favour of the development of common principles for securing cyberspace, as well as the improved resilience of critical infrastructure.*

Our objectives and activities are very much aligned with the European Green Deal and we would be privileged to continue to work with the European Commission. Therefore we would like to invite you to an in-depth dialogue on relevant topics so we can help realise your agenda.

Europe's energy future is electric.

On behalf of REEF

Yours sincerely



Claudio Facchin

Chairman