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Subject: Comment on Romania's Energy Strategy 2019-2030 with an outlook to 2050

Dear Minister,

As regards the SEA procedure in a transboundary context for the Romania's Energy Strategy 2019-2030 with an outlook to 2050, in accordance with Article 10 item 1 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, we would like to provide the comment of the Serbian Party on the Romania's Energy Strategy 2019-2030 with an outlook to 2050, as well as the Strategic Environmental Assessment as regards the Romania's Energy Strategy 2019-2030 with an outlook to 2050.

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In the Transmission System Development Plan for the period from 2019 to 2028 of the Joint Stock Company "Elektromreža Srbije" A.D., and in accordance with the TYNDP2018 and TYNDP2016 documents, developed within ENTSOE, a need has been identified for further strengthening of interconnection capacities between Serbia and Romania by planning the construction of a new 400 kV transmission line RP Djerdap 1 (Republic of Serbia) = TS-Portile de Fier (Romania), with the following description:

Project: 400 kV interconnection between Serbia and Romania

Installed power/length: Approximately 2 km (to the Romanian border).

The manner of fitting in the network: According to the current plans, the transmission line route shall be between the two facilities – RP Djerdap 1 (Republic of Serbia) and TS Portile de Fier (Romania). The Project has been considered within the process: *Identification of system needs*, which is integral part of TYNDP2018. After that, the Project has been analysed within the Project Group named *North CSE Corridor*, described in detail in Subchapter 10.9.

Explanation: The Project objective is to increase the planned capacities between Serbia and Romania as well as the possibility for energy evacuation from renewable sources, whose integration is expected in Romania, towards the West, and through the Serbia's Transmission System.

Planned start: After 2019

Sincerely,