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Dear Commissioner,

The European Social Partners in the electricity industry have followed the discussions on the third Internal Energy Market package with great interest. A consequence of the liberalisation process can be restructuring of the sector and thus has implications for companies and their employees, as has been demonstrated by the EcoTec report for the European Commission on this issue (2007), and which was underlined in our joint statement on the report.

We also stressed the importance of proper and full impact assessments. We consider that the impact assessment for the third package did not sufficiently cover the social dimension. This is important especially regarding the discussion on unbundling whichever of the various proposals are implemented.

We think it important that the European Commission provides an assessment that compares the different proposals as regards their impact on employment and working conditions, as well as on skills and qualifications in the sector. This will allow the social partners to consider what measures need to be addressed. It should also provide the Commission and other stakeholders with an overview of the impact of the different models.

As European social partners, we would be happy to cooperate with the European Commission in the establishment and implementation of such an impact assessment.

We look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

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