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Dear Commissioner PIEBALGS,

As European social partners, we have recently produced two toolkits which we believe are of fundamental importance in addressing the challenges particularly affecting our sector: one on **restructuring** and one on **demographic change and age management**. In this context, we would like the opportunity to meet with you:

- to discuss how the European Commission could support us in better promoting this work, and
- to explore further ways of cooperation in addressing the social dimension of future European Energy Policies.

As European social partners, we would also discuss with you how to better cooperate with the European Commission in tackling the social dimension and with the new Commission Impact Assessment Board with regard to any new proposals on European energy policy.

The new Lisbon Treaty already foresees a stronger engagement with social partners at the EU level. We understand that a proper discussion on the issue might appear premature, but given the fast developments in the energy sector and the need for a more integrated approach in EU policies, a proper involvement of social partners would have to happen independently of the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty. We would be therefore happy to start discussing with you the best way to assure a proper, structural engagement of DG Energy with the European social partners in the electricity industry.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the European Electricity Social Partners, the President of the Electricity Social Dialogue Committee

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