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Dear Colleagues

As general secretary of EPSU, the European trade union for public service workers, I am writing to express our solidarity with your continuing strike action against British Gas that is due to resume next Wednesday.

We think that it is appalling that a major employer like British Gas should resort to firing and rehiring employees in order to force them onto inferior pay and conditions. Your members' 89% vote for industrial action and support for the initial five-day strike show the level of anger among the workforce. British Gas management should recognise this and sit down to negotiate a solution to this dispute. As the GMB has pointed out the company has made substantial operating profits and it shouldn't hide behind the impact of the pandemic to force through such draconian measures.

Best wishes from EPSU and success for the next five days of action.

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