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Subject: Request for information as input for a study analysing the use of SF6 in switchgear and related electrical equipment

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Directorate General for Climate Action of the European Commission has launched a service contract to support the Commission in issuing an assessment report on the state of play of alternatives in new switchgears and related electrical equipment. The contract extends until June 2020.

The project is carried out on behalf of the Commission by *Öko-Recherche*, supported by *Re-xpertise*.

The main objectives of the work are to:

- Produce an overview of relevant existing alternatives and of ongoing R&D activities for new switchgears and related electrical equipment in the European Union;
- Assess the EU market potential of existing alternatives in accordance with the four criteria of cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility, energy efficiency and reliability;
- Propose a methodology for assessing SF 6 emissions and estimating the reduction potential from switchgears and related electrical equipment based on a life cycle approach;
- Produce recommendations towards further developing EU policies in these areas.

A designated person from the consortium may contact you in the near future in relation with this service contract. Your support will enable the work to be completed in a timely and efficient manner and allow that the Commission takes an informed decision on this matter.

If you wish to have any information you communicate to be treated confidentially, please inform the contractors, who are subject to strict confidentiality requirements in such cases.

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