



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Athens, 27 November 2012
Ref.Nr. Y.P.E.K.A./S.E.S./oik.203382

To: Republic of Bulgaria
Minister of Environment
& Water
Mrs Nona Karadjova

Subject: **Natural Gas Interconnector Greece-Bulgaria: Participation in the transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment procedure according to the ESPOO Convention**

Ref. : Your letter with Ref. Nr. OBOC-249/18.10.2012

Your Excellency,

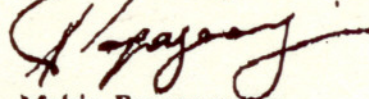
In response to your letter, we would like to thank you for your reply in which you clarify that the Republic of Bulgaria does not intend to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure on Greek territory for the project: "*Construction of a natural gas pipeline interconnector Greece-Bulgaria*".

Furthermore, in relation to the intention of the Greek side to continue the participation in the Bulgarian national EIA procedure, we wish to inform you that, since no significant negative impacts in a transboundary context are expected, as concluded from the EIA documentation for the Greek side of the pipeline as well as from the additional information on the absence of significant negative transboundary impacts, deriving from the EIA documentation for the Bulgarian side of the pipeline and provided us with your letter, Greece has no further intention to participate in the above mentioned procedure.

Finally, concerning your kind offer regarding the administrative act of the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water, we would greatly appreciate if you could provide us with a copy of it upon its issuance.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our willingness and support for a long standing and constructive cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Makis Papageorgiou





EMBASSY OF GREECE
SOFIA

The Ambassador

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N. 1070/27/AΣ 3233
November 28, 2012

Dear Minister,

I have the honor to attach herewith a copy of a letter Ref. Nr. Y.P.E.K.A./S.E.S. oik. 203382, dated 27.11.2012, by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic Mr. A. Papageorgiou, in reply to your letter Ref. Nr. OBOC-249/18.10.2012. The subject of the letter is: "Natural Gas Interconnector Greece - Bulgaria: Participation in the transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment procedure according to ESPOO Convention".

The original letter will follow within the next few days.

I avail myself of this opportunity, dear Minister, to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Thrasyvoulos Stamatopoulos

Attached: two (2) pages

To: - Mrs. Nona Karadjova
Minister of Environment & Water
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Cc: - Mrs. Jacqueline Metodieva
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