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To: Nandita Parshad
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Cc: Louis Borgo, Senior Banker, Power & Energy Utilities Team; Alistair Clark, Corporate Director, Environment and Sustainability Olga Yeriomina, Banker for energy sector projects, EBRD Resident Office in Ukraine.

Dear Ms. Parshad,

Re: World Bank pulls out from financing Dniester pumped storage plant in Ukraine

Let me share with you the following news which I believe will be of interest to you regarding the EBRD's involvement in the Kaniv PSP project in Ukraine.

The World Bank considered financing for the Ukrainian Dniester PSP since 2005 - a similar project as the Kaniv PSP which is in the initial stage of project cycle at the EBRD. After two years of preliminary assessment, the World Bank has just recently decided to withdraw from Dniester PSP, which has numerous economical, social and environmental problems. The World Bank removed the project from the new Country Partnership Strategy with Ukraine approved in December 2007.

We believe this is a strong signal for the EBRD to reconsider it's involvement in the Kaniv PSP project. Rather than considering such energy draining investments, we believe that the EBRD should be ramping up its efforts to work with the Ukrainian government on other energy projects that will directly improve Ukraine's energy efficiency and increase energy savings overall.

I would kindly ask to give your reflection on the information above. It would be also interesting to hear from you if you have had the opportunity to discuss with your colleagues in the World Bank the plans of the Ukrainian government to build more PSPs?

Sincerely, Iryna Holovko

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