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Deputy Minister of Environment and  
Energy

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**TO: ENTSO-E**

Mr. Laurent Schmitt

Secretary General

**CCMr.RobertSchroeder**

Managing Director System Development

**Subject: Support to Eunice Energy Group's Battery Energy Storage System for inclusion  
in TYNDP 2020**

Dear Mr. Schmitt,

I am writing to express our support for the inclusion in TYNDP 2020 of the Battery Energy Storage System project in the area of Ptolemaida - Western Macedonia, Greece, promoted by Eunice Energy Group.

In the current phase we are finalizing our draft National Energy and Climate Change Action Plan and as you may already know, the RES targets of Greece for 2030 are very ambitious. In specific, we are aiming for a RES participation in the gross final energy consumption around 35%, while lignite production is scheduled to be phased out by 2028. The RES share in the electricity generation mix will be around 65%, while the installed capacity of intermittent RES will be higher than 14000 MW. As you are well aware, storage and interconnections are the effective pillars to support the targeted high RES penetration levels and Member States should adopt adequate measures to promote the feasibility of such projects.

The proposal of Eunice Energy Group to install a Battery Energy Storage System in Western Macedonia has the potential to bring multiple benefits, to the power system and to the region. Western Macedonia currently hosts the bulk of domestic lignite power plants, now all targeted for withdrawal within the next decade. Implementation of an innovative energy storage project of such a scale will facilitate transition to the post-lignite era, boost development and can potentially create employment opportunities in the region.

For all these reasons, the Greek State strongly supports the project and advocates its inclusion in the ENTSO-e TYNDP 2020 and subsequent candidacy for PCI status, as this will be a vital step towards its implementation.

Kind regards,

***Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy***



***Gerassimos Thomas***