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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU certification of the very high voltage line in Girona

Red Eléctrica de España (REE), the main operator of the electrical transmission system in Spain, is planning to construct a very high voltage 400 kV line extending 17 km in the town of Riudarenes in the province of Girona in north-east Catalonia.

The 400 kV Riudarenes branch project would feed the Riudarenes substation through an inlet and outlet of the 400 kV Vic-Bescanó line, according to the 2015-2020 schedule of the Government of Spain.

The line would be split into two subsequent lines: Vic-Riudarenes and Riudarenes-Bescanó. This plan, in accordance with chapter 3(3)(g) of Operating Procedure 13.1 drawn up by Red Eléctrica de España and approved by the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism, would affect the rating of these lines.

This would mean they would be turned from international connection lines into simple connection lines.

It is important to note that in 2010 the EU provided EUR 350 million in subsidies for this EU interconnection work in Girona and the improvement of high-speed rail.

Is the Commission aware of this change and can it confirm whether it has any impact on the aid granted for EU interconnection in Girona?