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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9588 – SHELL ENERGY RETAIL / HUDSON ENERGY SUPPLY**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 22 October 2019, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Shell Energy Retail Limited ("SERL", of Great Britain), belonging to the Shell Group, whose ultimate parent is Royal Dutch Shell plc. acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation by way of purchase of shares control over the whole of the undertaking Hudson Energy Supply UK Limited ("Hudson Energy Supply" or the "Target", of Great Britain), controlled by Hudson Energy Holdings UK Limited, belonging to the Just Energy Group Inc. .[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   — for SERL: the retail supply of gas and electricity to household and business customers in the UK,

   — for Hudson Energy Supply: the retail supply of gas and electricity to household and business customers in the UK.

1 OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

3 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 364, 29.10.2019, p. 30.

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3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
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4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.