**Position of the Czech gas association on draft document prepared by the MARCOGAZ Secretariat, answering the questions raised by the EU Commission in the Green Paper 2030 on climate and energy policy**

ČPS agrees with the MARCOGAZ draft conceived as answers to questions resulted from the material “A 2030 framework for climate and energy policies” (COM (2013) 169 final) issued by the European Commission. We especially welcome and support the bold approach in the key issues.

The binding targets at the EU level and Member States level (lying in reducing the CO2 emissions) shall be determined in coordination with other states outside Europe to avoid lowering the competitiveness of the European industry and services provided.

Another essential point is the gradual transition of European energy to low emission energy sources and developing the utilization of renewable resources. Using the existing and newly developed gas infrastructure (including the use of natural gas in transportation) shall markedly contribute to meeting the targets as set in the environment policy up until 2030 (target-year). This policy can contribute to reducing the pressure on meeting the objectives declared for increase of energy efficiency which may not be achieved in the expected time horizon.

When promoting the climate and energy targets for 2020 and 2030, the European Commission can not proceed it the way to further deepen the current economic crisis in Europe, not even in case of well defined objectives in these areas. The gradual transition to the use of low-carbon and renewable sources would increase the efficiency of investment and also allow an essential exploration of unconventional resources in Europe.

Concerning the public incentives, the main accent shall be put on eventual energy market distortion and mechanism how to response quickly to changes of the economic environment.

Finally, all measures that are being taken should find acceptance among the wider public.

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