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Lynsey

Unfortunately, need to be very careful what we say to Colette.

UKRep clearly giving the impression that they are not keen for her to be involved. They want to keep this as 'routine' as possible. Emails and phone calls, no face to face meetings with senior representatives of the department and DG Comp etc.

They seem to feel her involvement in some way increases (albeit unintentionally) the nervousness with within DG Comp.

I've simply told her the notification has been submitted, nothing more.

She has offered to do whatever we want her to do, but, to date, I am not planning to ask her to do anything.

Andrew McCormick was thinking he might give her a call, but think Andrew has now decided not to do this.

Might be good if we have a chat on the phone on Wednesday or Thursday, before you meet with Colette.

Stephen

PS – We are also not currently planning on saying anything to the MEPs, as no need for them to get involved.

Stephen Moore

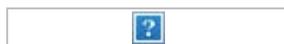
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Sounds reasonable. Let me know how it goes. I will be in Dublin on Wednesday and Belfast on Thursday and Friday but you can get me on my mobile if you need me. I will be catching up with Colette on Thursday so if you think there is anything that it would be helpful to discuss off the record with her then let me know.

Lynsey

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Lynsey

Many Thanks. yes.

For info. [REDACTED] phoned earlier.

He is hoping to send us an email soon with the EC's first questions on the NI RHI pre-notification.

He has also asked me to keep three times free on Wednesday for a possible conference call with DG Comp (10.00, 15.00 or 16.00).

The purpose of the call will be to chat through the pre-notification so the Commission can confirm their understanding of some of the details in the pre-notification material, along with the timing and the scope.

The Commission wants to keep this low key, so [REDACTED] asked that in addition to myself, we only involve one or two 'technical' people.

Stephen