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# DRAFT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 111(3) of the Rules of Procedure

on Commission Delegated Regulation (EU).../... of 31 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest (C (2019)7772 – 2019/2907(DEA))

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**European Parliament resolution on Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 347/2013 of 31 October 2019 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest (C(2019)7772**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 31 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest,
- having regard to Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 3(4),
- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/540 of 23 November 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest<sup>3</sup>
- having regard to the Council Decision (EU) 2016/1841 of 5 October 2016 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>4</sup>,
- having regard to its resolution of 4 October 2017 on the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany (COP23) (2017/2620(RSP)),
- having regard to the Conclusions adopted by the European Council on 12 December 2019 endorsing the objective of achieving a climate-neutral EU by 2050,
- having regard to its resolution of 28 November 2019 on the climate and environment emergency (2019/2930(RSP))
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions “The European Green Deal” COM (2019) 640,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129–171

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 90, 6.4.2018, p. 38–58

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 1–3

- having regard to its resolution of 15 January 2020 on the European Green Deal (2019/2956(RSP)),
- having regard to Rule 111(3) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the Paris Agreement commits to "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels";
  - B. whereas greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels are the largest contributor to climate change; whereas new gas infrastructure is designed to last at least 40 to 50 years and in some cases even longer; whereas the European Commission has noted that the 4th PCI list has not been subject to a sustainability or climate assessment;
  - C. whereas the construction of new gas infrastructure projects listed in this Commission delegated regulation of 31 October 2019 creates a new fossil fuel lock-in incompatible with the commitments under the Paris Agreement;
  - D. whereas Parliament calls for “a revision of TEN-E guidelines before the adoption of the next PCI list in order to align the legislative framework with the priority of smart grids deployment and to prevent the lock-in of carbon intensive investment” in its resolution on the Green Deal; whereas the co-legislators agreed in their partial general approach on the Regulation on the Connecting Europe Facility 2021–2027 (2018/0228(COD), in its Article 27, that “*The Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness and policy coherence of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and submit an evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council with the result of this review by 31 December 2020. In that evaluation the Commission shall consider, inter alia, the Union energy and climate targets for 2030, the EU long-term decarbonisation commitment, and the energy efficiency first principle. The evaluation may, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to revise that Regulation*”.
  - E. whereas Parliament recognizes the efforts made by the Commission to keep in the Union list of projects of common interest a stable number of electricity projects, which are necessary to effectively pave the way for the European energy transition;
  - F. whereas it is crucial to reach our goals of security of supply and energy independence but where overestimations, overcapacity and idle installations will only lead to higher tariffs, undermining the competitiveness of our industries and raising the energy bills for our families;
    - 1. Objects to this Commission delegated regulation;
    - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and to notify it that the delegated regulation cannot enter into force;

3. Calls on the Commission to bring forward a new delegated act that avoids the construction of any new fossil fuel infrastructure with potential lock-in consequences and that is fully compatible with the commitments under the Paris Agreement;
4. Underlines the need to revise by December 2020 Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and to simultaneously issue guidelines on spending under the Connecting Europe Facility, as well as for the selection of projects for the 5th PCI list in line with commitments made under the Paris Agreement;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.