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DRAFT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 105 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Commission delegated regulation of 23 November amending
Regulation(EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as
regards the Union list of projects of common interest
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European Parliament resolution on the Commission delegated regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest

(2017/2990(DEA))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission delegated regulation (C(2017)07834) ('the amending regulation'),
 - 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 715/2009¹ and in particular Articles 3(4), 9(2) and 64(5) thereof,
 - 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,
 - having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/89 of 18 November 2015 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 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,
 - 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 Rule 105(3) of its Rules of Procedure
- A. whereas Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and the amending delegated regulation are meant to “support the completion of the Union internal energy market while encouraging the rational production, transportation, distribution and use of energy resources, to reduce the isolation of less-favoured and island regions, to secure and diversify the Union’s energy supplies, sources and routes, including through cooperation with third countries, and to contribute to sustainable development and protection of the environment”;
- B. 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 decarbonisation of the European

¹ OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39.

energy system;

- C. whereas the counting methodology and bundling of projects applied by the Commission for identifying gas projects is not consistent and results in a number of projects that is seemingly reduced while in reality their number is much higher;
 - D. whereas the Parliament is concerned by the large number of fossil fuel projects prioritized in the list and urges the Commission to count projects to allow a sensible and transparent comparison between the two lists;
 - E. 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;
 - F. whereas the Parliament encourages the Commission to design the process to nominate and elect Projects of Common Interest as transparent as possible, based on independent data and enabling the Parliament to monitor the process at an earlier stage;
 - G. 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";
 - H. whereas the Paris Agreement was ratified by the European Union in 2016;
 - I. whereas greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels are the largest contributor to climate change;
 - J. whereas the promotion of new fossil fuel infrastructure as part of EU's energy policies undermines the achievement of the Paris Agreement commitments;
 - K. whereas it is questionable whether the majority of gas projects listed in the Commission delegated regulation (C(2017)07834) are compatible with the commitments under the Paris Agreement;
 - L. whereas new gas infrastructure is designed to last at least 40 to 50 years and in some cases even longer;
 - M. whereas the construction of new gas infrastructure risks creating a new fossil fuel lock-in incompatible with the commitments under the Paris Agreement;
1. Objects to the 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 new fossil fuel infrastructure with potential lock-in consequences and that is fully compatible with the commitments under the Paris Agreement; furthermore calls on the Commission to present the PCI project list in a manner which is consistent and transparent towards the co-legislators, in particular the European Parliament.

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.