

12th EU-US Energy Regulators Roundtable (CEER) **Madrid, 25 y 26 de abril 2016**

- ✓ Mr. Kavulla, Lord Mogg, representatives of energy regulators on both sides of the Atlantic. Welcome to the 12th EU-US Energy Regulators Roundtable.
- ✓ We are here together to continue and further enhance the dialogue and the exchange of experience between US and EU Energy Regulators.
- ✓ Last time we had our joint meeting in 2014 in Boston. This time our theme for the roundtable will focus on recent developments in the energy sector and on the challenges ahead. “The new energy system”:
 - We will start by sharing our views on how to build an integrated grid in the context of decarbonisation and on the integration of renewables.
 - The second session focuses on flexibility issues and the third session deals with the challenges of wholesale market monitoring.
 - Sessions four and five cover developments in international energy markets and cyber security, respectively.
- ✓ This is basically our challenging agenda for today and tomorrow

The importance of the EU-US strategic cooperation

- ✓ The United States remains one of the EU's most important partners. Transatlantic cooperation is based on shared objectives and capabilities.
- ✓ The ambitious agenda of cooperation between the EU and the US is taken forward via constant, intensive dialogue.

Our relationship boosts economic growth and creates jobs, enhances energy security and international cooperation, and highlights the importance and urgency of tackling global energy and climate challenges.

The building of an Energy Union in Europe

- ✓ The Energy Union strategy is the latest attempt to upgrade EU energy policy. An EU Energy Union will ensure that Europe has secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy.

- ✓ This Energy Union is not an inward-looking project. A stronger and more united EU can engage more constructively with its partners, to their mutual benefit.

Together with its major partners, the European Union will work towards an improved global governance system for energy, leading to more competitive and transparent global energy markets.

The role of NRAs in this new global energy scenario

- ✓ Energy markets, and regulators are facing a range of challenges as new technologies and energy resources are contributing to a step-change in how electricity and natural gas are used and managed, with potentially significantly different approaches in future regulatory arrangements.

As these developments progress and become an integral part of the energy sector, the role and independence of regulators may increasingly come under external and internal review.

We will have to adapt continuously to fast technological change. We are all aware that to combine flexibility with a predictable long term assessment is really tough.

- ✓ As you know, the institution I represent, CNMC, merges the energy regulator and the competition authority. This institutional design shows clear advantages from our point of view that are helping us to make a better assessment:
 - We are a larger institution with non energy stakeholders that reduce the potential negative influence of both the Government and the sector.
 - We can exploit synergies from our staff in different areas.
 - We can build a more integrated assessment that includes the competition authority point of view in the sectorial regulation.

I consider that the Spanish regulator is well prepared to face the great challenges we all share.

And I hope that tomorrow, after listening to all your points of view about this new

energy system we will be even better prepared.