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Re : Liquid Petroleum Gas

Dear Dr Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2005 asking me for priority treatment of the UK request for approving a support programme for Liquid Petroleum Gas.

- N140/05 – Low Carbon Bus Grant Programme;
- N143/05 – Enhanced Environmental Vehicle Programme;
- N144/05 – Air Quality Grant Programme;
- N142/05 – Low Carbon Car Grant Programme.

You should know that the first three are being examined under the responsibility of Commissioner Barrot, the latter under the responsibility of Commissioner Kroes.

All cases are thoroughly examined under the relevant state aid rules, in particular the Environment guidelines.

I would also like to point out that the European Commission has recognised the role of LPG as an alternative motor fuel in its Communication on alternative fuels (COM (2001) 547). Support of LPG can be provided Community wide through using the possibilities of preferential tax treatment, following the directive on the taxation of energy products (Directive 2003/96/EC (27.10.2003), OJ L 283/51 (31.10.2003)).

Yours sincerely,



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