☐ Procedure No.: PS/00106/2020

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RESOLUTION OF PUNISHMENT PROCEDURE

Of the procedure instructed by the Spanish Agency for Data Protection and

based on the following

**BACKGROUND** 

FIRST: On October 18, 2019, it had entry in this Spanish Agency

of Data Protection a document presented by A.A.A. (hereinafter the

claimant), through which he makes a claim against IBERDROLA CLIENTES,

SAU with NIF A95758389 (hereinafter, the claimed).

SECOND: In view of the foregoing, there are indications of a possible

breach of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Regulation

of Data Protection, hereinafter RGPD), which has motivated the opening of the

file E/11287/2019.

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of Organic Law 3/2018, of 5

December, Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights

(LOPDGDD hereinafter), the claim was transferred to the person in charge or to the Delegate

of Data Protection that in his case would have designated, requiring him to send

to this Agency the requested information and documentation. This requirement

of information was not answered in time. The claim was admitted for processing

date February 11, 2020.

THIRD: The General Subdirectorate for Data Inspection proceeded to carry out

of previous investigative actions to clarify the facts in

matter, by virtue of the investigative powers granted to the authorities of

control in article 57.1 of the RGPD, and in accordance with the provisions of the Title

VII, Chapter I, Second Section, of the aforementioned LOPDGDD.

Within the framework of investigation actions E/01421/2020, it was sent to the claimed a request for information, related to the claim outlined in the first paragraph, so that within ten working days it could present before this Agency the information and documentation indicated therein. This requirement was registered departure on February 18, 2020 with number 014818/2020.

FOURTH: The request for information, which was carried out in accordance with the regulations established in Law 39/2015, of October 1, on Administrative Procedure

Common of Public Administrations (hereinafter, LPACAP), was collected by the responsible on February 19, 2020, as stated in the certificate of

Notific@ that works in the file.

FIFTH: By means of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, the state of of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by the COVID-www.aepd.es

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19 (BOE n° 67 of March 14). In its Third Additional Provision, point 1, it is established the suspension of terms and the interruption of deadlines for processing of the procedures of public sector entities. "The computation of deadlines will be resumed at the moment in which this Royal Decree loses its validity or, in its case, the extensions thereof."

Subsequently, in article 9 of Royal Decree 537/2020, of May 22, by which

The state of alarm declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, of 14 December, is extended.

March, which declares the state of alarm for the management of the situation of

health crisis caused by COVID-19 (BOE n° 145 of May 23), it was arranged the resumption of administrative deadlines in the following terms:

"With effect from June 1, 2020, the computation of administrative deadlines that had been suspended will be resumed, or restarted, if so planned in a regulation with the force of law approved during the validity of the state of alarm and their extensions."

SIXTH: On April 1, 2020, the Director of the Spanish Agency for

Data Protection agreed to initiate a sanctioning procedure against the claimant, for the alleged infringement of Article 58.1 of the RGPD, typified in Article 83.5 of the RGPD.

Due to the interruption of the terms and the suspension of the terms
administrative provisions established in the third additional provision of the Royal Decree
463/2020 declaring the state of alarm, the start agreement of this

The sanctioning procedure was notified to the respondent on June 3, 2020.

SEVENTH: The respondent answered the requirements made, being registered in this Agency on April 13, 2020 with number 014371/2020.

EIGHTH: On June 17, 2020, allegations of the initiation agreement are received.

In them, the respondent requests that the file of this procedure be agreed sanctioning party, by not concurring the presupposition of fact set forth in the agreement of beginning. He alleges that he did respond to the request for information, since on April 7 filed a response brief regarding files E/11287/2019 and E/01421/2020 in the Common Electronic Registry of the General State Administration.

## **PROVEN FACTS**

FIRST: The information requirements indicated in the second background to fourth were notified electronically through Notific@ al claimed, with in accordance with the provisions of article 43 of the LPACAP.

SECOND: The respondent has not responded to the information requirements

carried out by the Agency within the periods granted for it, namely:

1st. The request made within the framework of the file with reference code

E/09628/2019, in which the deadline to respond was one month.

2nd. The request made within the framework of the investigative actions

referenced with code E/01423/2020, in which the deadline to respond was

ten business days.

THIRD: The respondent answered the requirements made, being registered

in this Agency on April 13, 2020 with number 014371/2020.

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FOURTH: Although the agreement to initiate this sanctioning procedure is

signed on a date prior to the response to the requirements indicated in the fact

second, due to the declaration of the state of alarm, its notification occurred in

date after the filing of said answer.

**FOUNDATIONS OF LAW** 

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By virtue of the powers that article 58.2 of the RGPD recognizes to each

control authority, and according to the provisions of articles 47, 48.1, 64.2 and 68.1 of the

LOPDGDD, the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency is

competent to initiate and resolve this procedure.

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In this proceeding, it is pertinent to note that there has been a

anomalous situation as a result of the suspension of administrative deadlines

motivated by the declaration of the state of alarm. Although the respondent had not provided the required information at the time of signing the start-up agreement, finally provided it, and its presentation occurred before it was practiced irrefutable notification of the agreement to initiate the sanctioning procedure, and before, therefore, that it could be considered effective.

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Article 89 of Law 39/2015, of October 1, on the Procedure

Common Administrative Law of Public Administrations, in its first section provides the following:

"The investigating body will resolve the completion of the procedure, with a file of the actions, without it being necessary to formulate the resolution proposal, when in the procedure instruction it becomes clear that there is any of the following circumstances:

- a) The non-existence of the facts that could constitute the infraction.
- b) When the facts are not proven.
- c) When the proven facts do not constitute, in a manifest way, an infringement
- d) When it does not exist or it has not been possible to identify the person or persons liable or appear exempt from liability.
- e) When it is concluded, at any time, that the

infringement".

administrative.

In this case, according to the available evidence,

It is considered that the person claimed has sought the Spanish Agency for the Protection of

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Data the information you requested. Consequently, it is appropriate to agree on the file of the process.

Therefore, as stated,

the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency RESOLVES:

FIRST: FILE procedure PS/00106/2020.

SECOND: NOTIFY this resolution to IBERDROLA CLIENTES, SAU, with

NIF A95758389.

In accordance with the provisions of article 50 of the LOPDGDD, the

This Resolution will be made public once it has been notified to the interested parties.

Against this resolution, which puts an end to the administrative procedure in accordance with art.

48.6 of the LOPDGDD, and in accordance with the provisions of article 123 of the

LPACAP, the interested parties may optionally file an appeal for reconsideration

before the Director of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection within a period of

month from the day following the notification of this resolution or directly

contentious-administrative appeal before the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the

National Court, in accordance with the provisions of article 25 and section 5 of

the fourth additional provision of Law 29/1998, of July 13, regulating the

Contentious-administrative jurisdiction, within a period of two months from the

day following the notification of this act, as provided in article 46.1 of the

aforementioned Law.

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