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to the Commission**

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Subject: Energy inefficiency

The document entitled ENERGY UNION PACKAGE demands an 'integrated energy market to stimulate competition, increase efficiency [...] and guarantee affordable prices for consumers'. However, the national markets have not performed any of these functions.

If, as is claimed in the document, the retail market is not functioning properly and many domestic consumers have very little room for choice with regard to energy suppliers and very little control over the cost of energy:

- Has the Commission calculated the cost of inefficiency caused by the energy oligopoly in the EU?
- And for the Member States?
- What would be the benefit, in terms of efficiency (and a reduction in the market power of the electricity oligopoly), of removing restrictions on self-supply across Europe?