

Question for written answer E-009345/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Guaranteeing Member States uninterrupted supplies of gas from eastern Europe

The gas companies Gazprom and BASF have 100% control over the operator of the German section of the Yamal gas pipeline – the EUGAL pipeline. Gazprom itself is currently part of a joint venture building an underground gas storage system with a volume of 6TWh, located not far from the Mallnow point. Given the ownership structure of the Katharina storage facility, OSP and the current structure of the Nord Stream 2 consortium, there is a risk that the Katharina storage facility will be given priority in the allocation of transmission capacity. This might limit the possibilities for providing firm reverse flow services in Mallnow for Poland. A deficit in transmission services may lead to increased gas prices for Polish entities, and even endanger the country's energy security.

With that in mind:

1. In such a situation, how does the Commission intend to guarantee the Republic of Poland uninterrupted gas supplies from eastern Europe?
2. Does the Commission intend to adopt regulatory measures in this regard? If so, when and what sort of measures?