

**Question for written answer E-005433/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Monopolies in electricity transmission and significant increases in transmission fees

Reference: Directive 2009/72/EC securing reasonable electricity transmission prices

High-quality electricity provided for a reasonable price is a necessary public commodity which our citizens completely depend on. As electricity companies are deemed to be naturally monopolistic, the price of electricity transmission cannot be tendered, and citizens cannot choose their power transmission company.

In Finland, transmission companies have repeatedly increased the prices for electricity transmission in a way that can be deemed unreasonable.

In accordance with the Directive concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (2009/72/EC), Member States shall ensure that all household customers enjoy universal service, that is the right to be supplied with electricity of a specified quality within their territory at reasonable, easily and clearly comparable, transparent and non-discriminatory prices.

The Directive states that the national regulatory authority is responsible for ensuring that transmission and distribution system operators and, where relevant, system owners, as well as any electricity undertakings comply with the requirements of the Directive, including the requirement to guarantee electricity transmission to consumers for a reasonable price.

Considering the above, how is the Commission monitoring whether national regulatory authorities are controlling unreasonable increases in electricity transmission prices?