

**Question for written answer P-003753/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Status of the OPAL pipeline

Last year, the EU and Russia agreed a deal on the use of Germany's OPAL link to Gazprom's Nord Stream gas pipeline. Under the EU's third energy package, Gazprom is under an obligation to provide up to 50 % of OPAL's capacity to independent suppliers. However, Russia and Germany have asked the Commission to grant the OPAL gas pipeline an exemption from third energy package rules.

1. Is the Commission willing to grant such an exemption?
2. When can we expect a decision by the Commission regarding this matter?