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Eluned Morgan

a European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy - Green paper
(2006/2113(INI))

Motion for a resolution

Amendment by Esko Seppänen

Amendment 401

Paragraph 22

22. *Notes the empirical problems which have arisen from the operations of the Nordic Power Exchange (Nord Pool); observes that, as the wholesale price of electricity is always determined, even in the case of hydropower and nuclear power, on the basis of the pricing of the most expensive mode of production and as emission rights even increase the price of electricity for whose production no emission rights are required, the operation of the market and the power exchange has resulted in unreasonable rises in the consumer price of electricity;*

Or. fi

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 402

Paragraph 22

22. *Draws the attention of the Member States to the fact that the internal market in energy is passing through a transitional phase and that considerable progress has been made with market integration; notes, furthermore, that complete implementation of existing legislation and a solid political framework in all Member*

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States are needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply (*deletion*);

Or. de

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 403

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working and that we cannot rely (*deletion*) on market driven solutions to face the new energy reality; believes that a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and *energy undertakings* must be better defined; *calls for further regulatory measures with the aim of establishing public ownership of the energy industry throughout Europe in order to put an end to the increasing market concentration of private undertakings acting in a cartel-like fashion in the energy sector, to safeguard durable supplies of energy for all sections of the population and to effectively prevent further unjustified price rises so as to safeguard investment;*

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Alexander Alvaro, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Dominique Vlasto, Nikolaos Vakalis, Avril Doyle, András Gyürk, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Paul Rübig, Jerzy Buzek, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 404

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon (*deletion*) Member States to recognise that (*deletion*) the EU energy market is *still* not *fully liberalized and that further improvements may be necessary; is of the opinion* that a clear *and stable* political framework and *a competitive energy market* is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; (*deletion*) *thus calls upon the Commission and member states to carefully assess the need for regulatory intervention against this background;*

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Sarunas Birutis

Amendment 405

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that *(deletion)* the EU energy market is *still not fully liberalised and that further improvements are imperative; is of the opinion that* a clear *and stable* political framework *and a competitive energy market* is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; *(deletion) thus calls upon the Commission and Member States to carefully assess the need for regulatory intervention against this background;*

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 406

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States *and the Commission* to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working *because differing implementation in different Member States has led to a set of reforms that are, among other things, heterogeneous,* and that *the regulatory framework needs to be adapted to boost investment in order* to face the new energy reality *and to meet increased energy demand;* believes that a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. it

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 407

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon Member States to recognise that *the internal energy market is in transition and points to the significant progress made on market opening and creation of a single pan-European market, and takes the view that* a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply *(deletion)*. The responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 408

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon Member States to recognise that ***the internal energy market is in transition and points to the significant progress made on market opening and creation of a single pan-European market, and takes the view that a*** clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply(***deletion***). The responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 409

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not ***fully liberalised and therefore to implement according to the letter and the spirit the second gas and electricity directives*** ; believes that a clear political ***commitment*** is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. en

Amendment by Erna Hennicot-Schoepges

Amendment 410

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working, ***that the competition on the European energy market should be improved and considers*** that we cannot rely entirely on market driven solutions to face the new energy reality; believes that a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in

order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. en

Amendment by Aldo Patriciello

Amendment 411

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working *effectively because of different implementation put in place by MS whose effects have created a patchwork of reforms* b and that we cannot rely entirely on market driven solutions to face the new energy reality; believes that a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. en

Amendment by Vincenzo Lavarra

Amendment 412

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working, *also because of different EU directives' implementation put in place by Member States*, and that we cannot rely entirely on market driven solutions to face the new energy reality; believes that a clear political framework is needed to establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market;

Or. en

Amendment by Evangelia Tzampazi

Amendment 413

Paragraph 22

22. Calls upon the Member States to recognise that the current model of the EU energy market is not working and that we cannot rely entirely on market driven solutions to face the new energy reality; believes that a clear political framework is needed to

establish a high degree of energy independence, long-term stability, efficiency, environmental sensitivity and security of supply; takes the view that the responsibilities of governments, regulators and market actors must be better defined in order to achieve a properly functioning market; ***urges the Commission, in view of the present situation with 25 separate energy regulatory authorities in the Member States, to complete its review of the role of each and evaluate exhaustively the possible need for the setting-up of a European regulatory authority;***

Or. el

Amendment by Reino Paasilinna

Amendment 414
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Calls for the Council's Spring summit in March 2007 to provide a broader vision of the common European interest in the energy field, in order to place the completion of the internal market in a clear political framework that is currently lacking;

Or. en

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 415
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Stresses that establishing an EU internal energy market which incorporates the option of an extension to non-member states contributes substantially to security of supply;

Or. de

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 416
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Stresses that implementation of and compliance with the energy directives is crucial for a Community energy policy; takes the view that implementation of energy directives is a precondition for seeking, when energy supplies are interrupted, to make use of the solidarity scheme which is to be introduced;

Or. nl

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 417

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Calls on the Commission to use its Article 86(3) to increase its efforts to unbundle gas infrastructure in order to promote competition in the gas transit network sector and incentivise operators to open markets for other operators than the traditional gas suppliers.*

Or. en

Amendment by Esko Seppänen

Amendment 418

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Notes that complete harmonisation of electricity markets and the introduction of market conditions on them will inevitably lead to a rise in the price of electricity in countries where electricity is currently cheaper than in countries with high electricity prices;*

Or. fi

Amendment by Avril Doyle, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Nikolaos Vakalis, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Anders Wijkman

Amendment 419

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Urges the Commission, given the present situation of 25 separate Energy Regulators in the Member States, to complete a review of the role of the Regulators within each Member State together with a full assessment of the potential need for a European Energy Regulator.*

Or. en

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 420

Paragraph 23

23. *Stresses the particular importance of efficient regulatory structures and appropriate powers for national cartel authorities and market supervision authorities to prevent dominant positions and create a functioning internal market, with the aim of*

safeguarding affordable energy supplies; stresses, in this connection, its support for the Commission survey of the industry and calls on the Commission to consistently use all available instruments in the event of violations of competition law;

Or. de

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 421

Paragraph 23

23. Congratulates the Commission on the energy sector inquiry; that has shown ***failure of energy liberalisation, widespread flouting and circumvention of liberalisation rules; market foreclosure in most Member States; very little cross-border trade and as a consequence high prices***, calls on the Commission to pursue enforcement action, including fines, against companies breaching competition rules; both upstream and downstream

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 422

Paragraph 24

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 423

Paragraph 24

24. ***Calls on Member States not to seek solutions for supposed national interests in the field of security of supply at the expense of a functioning European internal market;***

Or. de

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Amendment 424

Paragraph 24

24. Encourages the Commission to pursue Member States which unduly protect national Energy Champions, ***intend to (re-)regulate end-prices at a level below the market price***, or attend to block mergers and acquisitions, ***all harming the development of the internal market***;

Or. en

Amendment by Joan Calabuig Rull

Amendment 425

Paragraph 24

24. Encourages the Commission to ***advocate the establishment of genuine common energy market based on the principles of competition, reciprocity and consumer protection, with a view to ensuring security of supply***;

Or. es

Amendment by Philip Bushill-Matthews

Amendment 426

Paragraph 24 a (new)

- 24a. Considers that the promotion of "European champions" through cross-border mergers and acquisitions of energy companies instead of simply "national champions" is in the interest of sustainability as well as security and competitiveness***;

Or. en

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 427

Paragraph 24 a (new)

- 24a. Considers that Member States and regions should ensure that small and medium-sized energy producers and large producers are treated equally on the market, with a view to protecting energy consumers against the effects of market monopolies***;

Or. pl

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 428
Paragraph 25

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Nicole Fontaine and Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 429
Paragraph 25

25. Takes the view that the specific nature of energy policy should be considered in competition policy, regulatory measures and endeavours aimed at better enforcement of the internal market rules ***and at meeting national supply needs and the needs of energy consumers***;

Or. fr

Amendment by Mechtild Rothe

Amendment 430
Paragraph 25 a (new)

- 25a. ***Urges the Commission in its appraisal of National Allocation Plans to reject the market distortions arising from NAPs and insists on the harmonisation of NAPs many of which currently undermine the polluter pays principle***;

Or. en

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 431
Paragraph 26

26. ***Considers that, in connection with long-term contracts ensuring reliable and stable energy supplies, it is essential to lift the re-export ban, which is at odds with the free competition and common market principles and complicates the process of bringing down prices for all private and industrial consumers***;

Or. pl

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann

Amendment 432
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. fr

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 433
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. de

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij, Herbert Reul and Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 434
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment by Vincenzo Lavarra

Amendment 435
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Šarūnas Birutis

Amendment 436

Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies which have long term legacy contracts *in so far as these* are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 437

Paragraph 26

26. ***Requests*** the Commission ***to provide guidance on the appropriate form of*** long term ***(deletion)*** contracts ***and the conditions under which such arrangements are acceptable;***

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 438

Paragraph 26

26. ***Requests*** the Commission ***to provide guidance on the appropriate form of*** long term ***(deletion)*** contracts ***and the conditions under which such arrangements are acceptable;***

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 439

Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies ***(deletion)*** which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. it

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 440
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. fr

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 441
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies (**deletion**) which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 442
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against **private** companies which have long term legacy contracts which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. de

Amendment by Joan Calabuig Rull

Amendment 443
Paragraph 26

26. Calls on the Commission to take steps against companies which have long term legacy **supply** contracts which are closing off the markets and acting contrary to the rules of the EC Treaty;

Or. es

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 444

Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. *Calls on the Commission to review the system of long-term contracts (supply contracts, transport contracts and sales contracts) with a view to striking a balance between respect for competition rules, security of supply and attenuating price fluctuation;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 445

Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. *Calls on the Commission to explore new ways to diversify Europe's future Energy supply, by applying the competition rules to all actors on the internal market.*

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 446

Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. *Calls on the Commission to discourage the conclusion of direct and bilateral agreements that adhere to business and national logic out of keeping with the objectives of the common energy policy;*

Or. it

Amendment by Rebecca Harms, Claude Turmes

Amendment 447

Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. *Calls on the Commission to put an end to regulated energy prices because these undermine the very essence of open energy markets; calls above all on EU Commission to address regulated energy price systems for energy intensive industries because these undermine not only the EU energy market but also the internal market in other fields of commodities; accepts that special measures could be necessary for EU energy intensive industries which are exposed to global competition but that these measures must be taken in an EU wide coordinated way;*

urges therefore DG Competition to come up with a clear set of criteria to define what are energy intensive industries exposed to global competition and to use these criteria to assess the validity of special national energy regimes for energy intensive industries;

Or. en

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 448
Paragraph 26 a (new)

26a. *Calls on the Commission to pay special attention, when formulating EU energy policy, to the overriding importance of the social welfare of direct energy consumers in a fully liberalised environment;*

Or. pl

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 449
Paragraph 27

27. Urges the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the **(deletion)** energy market;

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Dominique Vlasto, András Gyürk, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Jerzy Buzek, Paul Rübig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 450
Paragraph 27

27. Urges the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the upstream energy market ***in case of abuse of a market power;***

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 451

Paragraph 27

27. Urges the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the upstream energy market *in case of abuse of a market power*;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 452

Paragraph 27

27. Urges the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the upstream energy market *in case of abuse of a market power*;

Or. en

Amendment by Rebecca Harms, Claude Turmes

Amendment 453

Paragraph 27

27. Urges the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the upstream *and in the downstream* energy market;

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 454

Paragraph 27 a (new)

- 27a. *Urges the Commission to use existing instruments in the area of competition to address concentrations in the upstream energy market.*

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Dominique Vlasto, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Jerzy Buzek, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Paul Rübzig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 455
Paragraph 28

28. Proposes significant increases in the powers of Member States regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on **cooperation**, transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; **(deletion)**

Or. en

Amendment by Ján Hudacký

Amendment 456
Paragraph 28

28. Proposes significant increases in the powers of Member State regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence **which should be regularly monitored by the Commission**, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability **(deletion)**

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 457
Paragraph 28

28. Proposes **harmonising power for** Member State Regulators **who should be fully independent of government and industry. This could be achieved** via the establishment of common rules on transparency, **(deletion)** disclosure **and accountability, and** minimum binding guidelines **on** the procedure for **nomination** of regulators **(deletion)**. **National** energy regulators should be given a role of advising competition authorities within the member states, **and** of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 458

Paragraph 28

28. Proposes **harmonising** power for Member State Regulators **who should be fully independent of government and industry**. This could be **achieved** via the establishment of common rules on transparency, **(deletion)** disclosure **and accountability, and** minimum binding guidelines **on** the procedure for nomination of regulators **(deletion)**. National energy regulators should be given a role of advising competition authorities within the member states, and of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 459

Paragraph 28

28. proposes **strong and harmonized** powers of Member State regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers, and of establishing a minimum investment requirement **in infrastructure, research and innovation for actors operating as natural monopolies**;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 460

Paragraph 28

28. Proposes **to harmonise** the powers of Member State regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a **substantial effort to make** to give energy saving advice to customers, and of establishing a minimum investment requirement;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübzig

Amendment 461

Paragraph 28

28. Proposes significant increases in the powers of Member State regulators **and harmonisation of those powers**, via the establishment of **uniform** rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers, and of establishing a minimum investment requirement;

Or. de

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 462

Paragraph 28

28. Proposes significant increases in the powers of Member State regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers – **advice which must be checked regularly by independent State institutions** – and of establishing a minimum investment requirement;

Or. de

Amendment by Rebecca Harms, Claude Turmes

Amendment 463

Paragraph 28

28. Proposes significant increases in the powers of Member State regulators, possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers, and of establishing a minimum investment requirement; **asks the**

Commission to also elaborate a guideline for assessment of abuse of market power defining what is the respective relevant market, establish common criteria for measuring market concentration and defining measures to be taken against abuse of market dominant positions;

Or. en

Amendment by Nicole Fontaine and Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 464
Paragraph 28

28. Proposes ***that the areas of responsibility*** of Member State regulators ***be harmonised in order to ensure greater consistency of action aimed at improving the way the market works, and, if necessary, that their powers be increased significantly,*** possibly via the establishment of common rules on transparency and disclosure, minimum binding guidelines including on independence, the procedure for nominating regulators, transparency and accountability; considers that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities within the Member States, of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers, and of establishing a minimum investment requirement;

Or. fr

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 465
Paragraph 28 a (new)

- 28a. These new powers should be monitored on an annual basis by the European Parliament***

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann

Amendment 466
Paragraph 29

29. Requires Members States to ***set up a harmonised regulatory framework within two years to allow national regulators to ensure cross-border transit of electricity and gas. Failing that,*** the Commission should, ***in its third package of proposals, establish*** a European regulator for cross border energy connections;

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 467

Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement (*deletion*) and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market. ***Regarding the investment for cross-border projects, it is essential that there is effective coordination between national regulators. This will be the competence of a European Energy Regulator if such an instance is installed***

Or. en

Amendment by Vladimír Remek

Amendment 468

Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them, ***within a maximum of one year***, the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement and network operating, and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; takes the view that (*deletion*) the Commission should ***at the same time start work immediately on setting up a European Centre for Energy Networks***;

Or. cs

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 469

Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement and network operating, and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; ***considers that, before a unified regulator is established, the areas of responsibility of Member State regulators should be harmonised in order to ensure greater consistency of action aimed at improving the way the market***

works;

Or. fr

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Alexander Alvaro, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Jerzy Buzek, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 470
Paragraph 29

29. ***Calls upon*** Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management (***deletion***) and network ***operation***, and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; (***deletion***)

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 471
Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement and network operating, a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; (***deletion***)

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 472
Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including non-discriminatory grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement and network operating, and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; ***calls on the Commission to submit a report on this to the European Parliament and the Council;***

Or. de

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 473

Paragraph 29

29. Requires Member States to grant powers to national regulators agreed at EU level to give them the tools to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission, including **(deletion)** grid access, transmission tariffs, capacity allocation, congestion management procurement and network operating, and a clear timetable for bids in the energy market; takes the view that if this is not delivered within two years the Commission should move towards establishing a European regulator for cross border energy connections;

Or. de

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 474

Paragraph 29 a (new)

- 29a. *Regulators should insist on the need for network operators to act in the interests of European consumers;***

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nicole Fontaine, Nikolaos Vakalis, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Jerzy Buzek, Paul Rübiger, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 475

Paragraph 29 a (new)

- 29a. *Urges the Commission and Member States to promote improved coordination by TSOs, especially in areas such as cross-border capacity allocation, transparency, intra-day markets, planning of grids and investments relevant to development of regional markets; asks the Commission to elaborate together with the TSOs a European grid code;***

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 476

Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Urges the Commission and Member States to promote improved coordination by TSOs, especially in areas such as cross-border capacity allocation, transparency, intra-day markets, planning of grids and investments relevant to development of regional markets; asks the Commission to elaborate together with the TSOs a European grid code;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 477

Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Urges the Commission and Member States to promote improved coordination by TSOs, especially in areas such as cross-border capacity allocation, transparency, intra-day markets, planning of grids and investments relevant to development of regional markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 478

Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Urges the Commission and Member States to promote improved coordination by TSOs, especially in areas such as cross-border capacity allocation, transparency, intra-day markets, planning of grids and investments relevant to development of regional markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj, Alejo Vidal Quadras Roca

Amendment 479

Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Calls on the Commission to prepare the review of the power and independence of national regulators; only afterwards the Commission shall prepare the recommendation about the harmonized development of regulation on the internal

EU market;

Or. en

Amendment by Alyn Smith

Amendment 480
Paragraph 29 a (new)

29a. Calls on the Commission to ensure there is strict compliance by the Member States with the conditions set out in Article 7.6 of Directive 2001/77/EC, namely that the transmission charges applied by operators for the transport of electricity through the grid do not discriminate in one form or another against electricity from renewable energy sources produced in peripheral regions, such as island regions and regions of low population density; and urges the Commission to take further steps to ensure the ending of existing internal discrimination within Member States.

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Alexander Alvaro, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nikolaos Vakalis, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Jerzy Buzek, Paul Rübig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 481
Paragraph 29 b (new)

29b. Calls upon the Commission and Member States to carefully assess whether there is a real need for new institutions like a European Centre for Energy Networks to reach a level-playing field, given the already important number of existing institutions which could be built upon;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 482
Paragraph 29 b (new)

29b. Calls upon the Commission and Member States to carefully assess whether there is a real need for new institutions like a European Centre for Energy Networks to reach a level-playing field, given the already important number of existing institutions which could be built upon;

Or. en

Amendment by Alyn Smith

Amendment 483
Paragraph 29 b (new)

29b. Urges the Commission to provide greater support to inter connectors across the EU member states and particularly within the member states, thereby enabling island and remote energy suppliers better access to the mainland grid.

Or. en

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 484
Paragraph 30

30. Considers it vital to improve the preconditions for investment in power station capacity and energy supply infrastructure by means of simplified and expedited approval procedures and expedited judicial procedures; calls on the Commission, in this connection, to submit recommendations for necessary amendments with the aim of attaining this objective;

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nicole Fontaine, Jerzy Buzek, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 485
Paragraph 30

30. Calls on the Commission (*deletion*) to ensure that Member States (*deletion*) grant planning permission at borders within a period of four years (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 486
Paragraph 30

30. Calls on the Commission to introduce legislation to ensure that Member States (*deletion*) grant planning permission at borders within (*deletion*) four years (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Alexander Alvaro and Herbert Reul

Amendment 487

Paragraph 30

30. Calls on the Commission (*deletion*) to ensure that Member States (*deletion*) grant planning permission at borders within a period of four years (*deletion*); ***adds that one possible way to achieve this might be the introduction of legislation where necessary;***

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 488

Paragraph 30

30. Calls on the Commission to (*deletion*) ensure that Member States (*deletion*) grant planning permission at borders within a period of four years; ***adds that one possible way to achieve this might be the introduction of legislation where necessary;***

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 489

Paragraph 30

30. Calls on the Commission to ***analyse precisely the existing problems with regard to the granting of*** planning permission at borders; ***calls on the Commission to submit a report on this, concentrating on the reasons for the delays in granting permits and proposing solutions to the problems;***

Or. de

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 490

Paragraph 30 a (new)

- 30a. Calls on the Commission to provide a solution to the problems related to***

independence/conflict of interest and transparency with regard to Transmission System Operators (TSOs); to come with proposals that enable TSOs their responsibility as a market facilitator and to harmonization the international regulations for TSOs to improve cross-border transport;

Or. en

Amendment by Joan Calabuig Rull

Amendment 491
Paragraph 30 a (new)

30a. Takes the view that the establishment of regional energy markets should help to speed up the integration of EU energy markets and under no circumstances to raise further barriers to the integration of all energy markets;

Or. es

Amendment by Paul Rübige

Amendment 492
Paragraph 30 a (new)

30a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that greater use is made of market-based allocation systems where cross-border transmission capacity is limited; considers that revenue from congestion management should be used to build more interconnectors;

Or. de

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 493
Paragraph 31

31. Takes the view that new proposals for action should be based on an assessment of the effectiveness of the measures introduced as part of the second package of market directives, following their full implementation, and of progress in developing regional markets in accordance with the scope and schedule established within the Florence Forum, as well as more effective, better coordinated work within bodies such as the European Regulatory Forum for electricity and natural gas and associations of operators and energy enterprises and consumers; considers that the package of implementing measures currently being proposed, which involves mainly administrative measures, should be discussed in greater detail by the Member

States;

Or. pl

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Alexander Alvaro, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nicole Fontaine, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Avril Doyle, Jerzy Buzek, Jan Hudacky, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Paul Rübzig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 494
Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of *(deletion)* well functioning regional electricity *markets* by *2009* a priority, *with a view to integrate the markets with the biggest and short-term potential of development on a European Level by 2012* and to *push forward* the establishment of a single European energy market *(deletion)*;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 495
Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of *(deletion)* well functioning regional electricity *markets* by *2009* a priority, *with a view to integrate the markets with the biggest and short-term potential of development on a European Level by 2012* and to *push forward* the establishment of a single European energy market *(deletion)*;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 496
Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to *set* the establishment of *(deletion)* well functioning regional electricity *markets* by *2009* as a priority. *The Commission should set 2012 as the target date to establish* a single European energy market and grid;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 497

Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to set the establishment of *(deletion)* well functioning regional electricity *markets* by **2009** as a priority. The Commission should set **2012 as the target** date to establish a single European energy market and grid;

Or. en

Amendment by Vincenzo Lavarra

Amendment 498

Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of a well functioning *harmonised* regional electricity market *and gas* by **2007** a priority and to set another date for the establishment of a single European energy market and grid;

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 499

Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of a well functioning *harmonised* regional electricity *and gas* markets by **2008** a priority and to set another date for the establishment of a single European energy market and grid;

Or. en

Amendment by Rebecca Harms, Claude Turmes

Amendment 500

Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of a well functioning regional electricity market by 2008 a priority and to set another date for the establishment of a single European energy market and grid; *highlights however that bringing more competition to the respective relevant market will be accomplished more effectively and quicker through tougher approach to competition policies and through measures which favour new market entrance;*

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 501
Paragraph 31 a (new)

31a. *Believes that the signals arising from market mechanisms adopted to resolve congestion between Member States should constitute the main engine for defining development plans for network infrastructures. Requests, therefore, that the process of regional integration of neighbouring markets be supported by development plans relating to the interconnections between operators of Member States' transmission systems and structured on the basis of the priorities arising from congestion price signals;*

Or. it

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 502
Paragraph 31 a (new)

31a. *Considers that, in order to guarantee necessary and sustained investment in the long term and thus ensure the stability of the energy sector and security of supply from it, energy networks should be in public ownership; calls therefore for energy networks to be restored to State ownership where they have been sold to private parties in the context of the liberalisation of energy markets;*

Or. de

Amendment by Andres Tarand

Amendment 503
Paragraph 31 a (new)

31a. *Notes that cross-border interconnections will require special measures e.g. preferential treatment of funding or tax exemptions; urges the EU to rapidly advance with its trans-European energy networks (TENs) projects; notes that completing the missing links in TENs improves security of supply as well as contributes to the completion of the internal market;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 504
Paragraph 32

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 505
Paragraph 32

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Sarunas Birutis

Amendment 506
Paragraph 32

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Dominique Vlasto, Nicole Fontaine, Lerzy Buzek, Avril Doyle, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 507
Paragraph 32

32. *As implementation of the current EU legislation on the internal energy market has been delayed in a number of Member States, considers that additional regulatory measures should be considered only if the mechanisms envisaged in the existing legislation on the internal market e.g. full legal, organisational and accounts unbundling have not proved effective in practice and Member States deny to implement the entire legislation; before making any new legislative proposals on issues addressed in Directive 2003/55/EC to make in depth studies of possible consequences on investment, on the competitiveness of energy industry and European economy and on security of supply, and to provide sound impact and cost assessment of such measures.*

Or. en

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 508
Paragraph 32

32. ***Considers it necessary to defer consideration of expanding the regulatory framework and instead to press ahead with the implementation of existing European provisions in the Member States; considers that any further regulatory measures should be considered only if the mechanisms provided for by existing internal market legislation do not prove to operate successfully;***

Or. de

Amendment by Alyn Smith

Amendment 509
Paragraph 32

32. Requests the Commission to submit a third package of proposals to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas markets, which must include full ownership unbundling of ***transmission system operation in member states where the existing unbundling provisions have not been fully implemented.***

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 510
Paragraph 32

32. ***Urges the Member States to fully implement the liberalisation package in order to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market (deletion);***

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 511
Paragraph 32

32. Requests the Commission to ***enforce the strict implementation of the current legislation in order to*** fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas markets ***(deletion);***

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 512

Paragraph 32

32. Requests the Commission to submit a third package of proposals to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market ***in order to improve the effectiveness of regulation and to ensure proper, harmonised implementation of the provisions on the separation of activities laid down in existing directives;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann

Amendment 513

Paragraph 32

32. Requests the Commission to submit a third package of proposals to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market ***in order to improve the effectiveness of regulation and to ensure proper, harmonised implementation of the provisions on the separation of activities laid down in existing directives;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 514

Paragraph 32

32. ***Urges the Member States to fully implement the liberalisation*** package ***in order to*** fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market, ***and recommends*** the Commission submit a third package of proposals ***setting out remaining steps to move rapidly to competitive and integrated markets;***

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 515

Paragraph 32

32. ***Requests the Member States to ensure the existing gas and electricity market legal framework is fully implemented; requests the Commission in the case that Member States do not sufficient implement the letter and the spirit of the existing directives, to submit a third package of proposals to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market, which must include full ownership unbundling of energy networks (especially TSOs) and harmonisation of tasks, rules, powers and obligations of regulators and TSOs;***

Or. en

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 516

Paragraph 32

32. Requests the Commission to submit a third package of proposals to fully develop the potential of the electricity and gas market, which must include full ownership unbundling of energy networks; ***considers that the first stage in the new legislative initiative to achieve more efficient resource use should be based on the data collected by the International Energy Agency and close cooperation with that body in this matter;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 517

Paragraph 33

deleted

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Dominique Vlasto, Nikolaos Vakalis, Avril Doyle, Jan Hudacky, Jerzy Buzek, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Paul Rübzig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 518
Paragraph 33

33. Calls on Member States to **fully implement the unbundling provisions provided for in (deletion)** the electricity and gas directives **both by the letter and by the spirit, welcomes the infringement procedures opened by the Commission to enforce the implementation of the directives;**

Or. en

Amendment by John Purvis

Amendment 519
Paragraph 33

33. Calls on Member States to **fully implement the unbundling provisions provided for in (deletion)** the electricity and gas directives **both by the letter and by the spirit, welcomes the infringement procedures opened by the Commission to enforce the implementation of the directives;**

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 520
Paragraph 33

33. Calls on Member States to **fully implement the unbundling provisions provided for in (deletion)** the electricity and gas directives **both by the letter and by the spirit, welcomes the infringement procedures opened by the Commission to enforce the implementation of the directives;**

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann

Amendment 521
Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy **providing for the economical and efficient use of gas**, the diversification of supplies

and improved gas infrastructure *with a view to facilitating investment* and to deal with the question of storage and stocks *after a thorough cost/benefit analysis taking into account the physical and economic constraints particular to the gas sector*;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 522

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy which examines the *requirements of an energy efficiency policy, a balanced energy mix and* the diversification of supplies and *which improves the climate for investment in gas infrastructures*, and to deal with the question of storage and stocks *after a thorough cost/benefit analysis taking into account the constraints particular to the gas sector (physical and economic)*;

Or. fr

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij and Herbert Reul

Amendment 523

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which examines *the relations with producing countries, the regulatory framework and demand for third party access to ensure sufficient investment in infrastructure*, the need to reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure, the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nicole Fontaine, Jan Brezina, Jerzy Buzek, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 524

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which examines the need to reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure, the need in some Member States to reverse

the direction of the flow of gas (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 525

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which examines the need to reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure, the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Amendment 526

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which examines the need to reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure - ***thus also preparing for the introduction of biogas -***, the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas and to deal with the question of storage and stocks;

Or. en

Amendment by Rebecca Harms, Claude Turmes

Amendment 527

Paragraph 34

34. ***Stresses the importance of a fully functioning and competitive gas market; urges therefore*** the Commission ***to*** come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which examines the need to ***improve access to information, increase transparency***, reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure (***e.g. gas storage, LNG facilities and missing gas hubs***) and ***the missing liquidity in EU gas market***;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 528

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which ***looks at the development of genuinely competitive gas markets***, the need ***for energy efficiency measures*** to reduce gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure, the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas and to deal with the question of ***non discriminatory access to*** storage and stocks;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 529

Paragraph 34

34. Believes that the Commission should come forward with a comprehensive gas strategy, which looks at ***the development of genuinely competitive gas markets***, the need ***for reduction in*** gas consumption, the diversification of supplies and improved gas infrastructure, the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas and to deal with the question of storage and stocks;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij and Herbert Reul

Amendment 530

Paragraph 34 a (new)

- 34a. Calls on the Commission to discourage the regulating of energy prices;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 531

Paragraph 34 a (new)

- 34a. Calls for the Commission to produce proposals for a directive on Natural Gas Directive to balance those provided for Biofuels and Hydrogen;***

Or. en

Amendment by Mechtild Rothe

Amendment 532
Paragraph 34 a (new)

34a. Requests that the Commission come forward with a definition of what constitutes a high energy user; Requests the Commission to give special consideration to high energy users in the EU who compete in the global economy;

Or. en

Amendment by Andres Tarand

Amendment 533
Paragraph 34 a (new)

34a. Urges the Commission to use its competition powers to address the existence of market splitting clauses in supply contracts between gas producers and national energy providers in the EU, which prohibit national energy providers in the EU the on-selling of spare gas of gas producers into other EU markets, also to investigate the legality of the long term Supply Contracts, which foreclose the market to other suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Nicole Fontaine, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Jan Hudacky, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Jerzy Buzek, Paul Rübig, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 534
Paragraph 35

35. Believes that consumers must be placed at the centre of all future energy policy and that energy poverty should feature more clearly in the Commission's proposals; nevertheless reminds the Commission not to mix up social and energy policy;

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis Alexander Alvaro, Sarunas Birutis

Amendment 535
Paragraph 35

35. Believes that consumers must be placed at the centre of all future energy policy *(deletion); stressing that the right to information, price setting and available alternatives will generate necessary energy efficiency technologies such as smart metering;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 536
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. *Recalls that consumers also have obligations in terms of energy economy, particularly public authorities, which must set an example in this area;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 537
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. *Stresses that Member State action should particularly support low income families and individuals to achieve energy savings in their homes; thereby reducing their energy bills and their exposure to future price increases; notes that this can be partly financed through the European Regional development Fund and other European programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 538
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. *Is critical of the deterioration in energy supplies to large sections of the population as a result of privatisation of energy markets; condemns the policies of private energy supply companies which are geared to ruthless maximisation of profits and which in some cases have resulted in exorbitant price rises; calls on the Commission*

and Member States to combat such practices in a determined manner and to devise effective counter-measures;

Or. de

Amendment by Jan Christian Ehler

Amendment 539
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. *Notes that taxation is responsible for a large part of current energy costs and stresses that the pursuit of energy-policy objectives must not jeopardise the competitiveness of European industry, and that therefore positive incentives should be opted for;*

Or. de

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Alexander Alvaro, Sarunas Birutis, Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 540
Paragraph 35 a (new)

35a. *Recognises the central role that smart metering and billing can play in increasing consumer awareness of how and why energy is being used and therefore in changing consumer behaviour; requests the Commission come forward with specific proposals for extending the use of smart metering and billing;*

Or. en

Amendment by Evangelia Tzampazi

Amendment 541
Paragraph 36

36. *Calls on the Commission to show its interest in both renewable energy sources and energy saving by placing these policies at the forefront of all initiatives financed by the Structural Fund and the Cohesion Fund (mainstreaming) and, in particular, European Regional Development Fund initiatives for each of the regions of the Union, independently, over the coming programming period 2007- 2013;*

Or. el

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Amendment 542

Paragraph 36

36. Urges DG TREN to assess the Structural Funds plans of the Member States for their capacity and determination to tackle energy issues ***and calls for the 3% limit on structural fund spending on energy efficiency to be lifted;***

Or. en

Amendment by Evangelia Tzampazi

Amendment 543

Paragraph 36 a (new)

- 36a. Calls on the Commission to submit in 2010 an interim assessment of the action recommended in paragraph 36 and an ex-post assessment at the end of the programming period;***

Or. el

Amendment by Alexander Alvaro

Amendment 544

Paragraph 37

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Sarunas Birutis

Amendment 545

Paragraph 37

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij and Herbert Reul

Amendment 546

Paragraph 37

37. Requests energy regulators in the Member States ensure that universal service obligations are honoured with a focus on vulnerable and poor consumers, *(deletion)*

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 547

Paragraph 37

37. Requests energy regulators in the Member States ensure that Universal Service obligations are honoured *and that* vulnerable and poor consumers *are adequately protected*;

Or. en

Amendment by Sahra Wagenknecht

Amendment 548

Paragraph 37

37. Requests energy regulators in the Member States ensure that universal service obligations are honoured with a focus on vulnerable and poor consumers, who should be offered social tariffs or support; *reaffirms its view that supplying the people with energy to meet basic needs is indispensable and that such supplies must be ensured*;

Or. de

Amendment by Reino Paasilinna

Amendment 549

Paragraph 37 a (new)

- 37a. Calls for a revision of the existing buildings directive by the Commission in order to gradually extend its scope to cover residential buildings below the 1000 m² threshold; stresses that Member States' action should particularly support low-income families and individuals to achieve energy savings in their homes, thereby reducing their energy bills and their exposure to future price increases; notes that this can be partly financed through the European Regional Development Fund and other European programmes;*

Amendment by Herbert Reul, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Alexander Alvaro, Daniel Caspary, Werner Langen, Nicole Fontaine, Nikolaos Vakalis, Avril Doyle, Jan Hudacky, Jerzy Buzek, Jan Brezina, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Angelika Niebler

Amendment 550
Paragraph 38

38. Calls on the Member States *to give the existing national* consumer *champions* (*deletion*) responsibility (*deletion*) to ensure that consumers have easy access to price and choice information, an easy method of switching energy provider and a *right to be heard by* the regulators in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 551
Paragraph 38

38. Calls on the Member States *to give the existing national* consumer *champions* (*deletion*) responsibility (*deletion*) to ensure that consumers have easy access to price and choice information, an easy method of switching energy provider and a *right to be heard by* the regulators in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Sarunas Birutis

Amendment 552
Paragraph 38

38. *Stresses the importance* that consumers have easy access to price and choice information, *to* an easy method of switching energy provider and systemic access to the regulators in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 553

Paragraph 38

38. ***Requests energy regulators*** to ensure that consumers have easy access to price and choice information, an easy method of switching energy provider and systematic access to the regulators in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 554

Paragraph 38

38. Requests ***energy regulators*** to ensure ***that*** consumers have easy access to price and choice information, an easy method of switching energy provider and systematic access to the regulators in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Lena Ek, Fiona Hall, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 555

Paragraph 38 a (new)

- 38a. Welcomes the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund initiative as part of a global policy responsibility to promote development;***

Or. en

Amendment by Glenys Kinnock

Amendment 556

Paragraph 38 a (new)

- 38a. Highlights that the EU and its Member States must use their diplomatic, aid and trade relations with energy supplying countries to promote fiscal transparency. The Commission should formally endorse and promote the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative and develop a strategy to mainstream the principles of the EITI and the Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme into all agreements with third countries in addition they should support the role of civil society in these countries as an independent watchdog of energy revenue management***

Amendment by Glenys Kinnock

Amendment 557
Paragraph 38 b (new)

38b. *Requests the Commission to endorse and promote the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative and develop a strategy to mainstream the principles of the EITI and the Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme into all agreements with third countries; specific provisions in these agreements should support the role of civil society in these countries as an independent watchdog of energy revenue management;*

Or. en

Amendment by Glenys Kinnock

Amendment 558
Paragraph 38 c (new)

38c. *That the EU has a responsibility to develop with the relevant countries decentralised energy solutions that are adapted to rural areas;*

Or. en

Amendment by Glenys Kinnock

Amendment 559
Paragraph 38 d (new)

38d. *Welcomes the work that the World Bank and other Regional Development Banks have been doing to develop a Clean Energy Investment Framework;*

Or. en

Amendment by Glenys Kinnock
Amendment 560
Paragraph 38 e (new)

38e. *Proposes that the EU has a responsibility to develop with the relevant countries decentralised energy solutions that are adapted to rural areas and the development of an ambitious programme of renewables in Africa;*

