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Motion for a resolution

Amendment by Paul Rübige

Amendment 1

Recital A

- A. Whereas *all measures to complete* the internal energy market *must be framed in such a way that they contribute to the achievement of the three objectives of European energy policy - competitiveness, sustainability and* security of supply,

Or. de

Amendment by Mechtild Rothe

Amendment 2

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the internal energy market, *an increased share of renewables and efficient use of energy as well as the creation of effective solidarity mechanisms between Member States are pre-requisites* of security of supply,

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 3

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the internal energy market ***and the creation of effective solidarity mechanisms between Member States are pre-requisites*** of security of supply,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 4

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the ***EU*** internal energy market is guarantee of security of supply ***and economic efficiency***,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 5

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the ***EU*** internal energy market is a guarantee of security of supply ***and economic efficiency***,

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 6

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the ***EU*** internal energy market is a guarantee of security of supply ***and economic efficiency***,

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 7

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the internal energy market is *fundamental to* security of supply,

Or. de

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 8

Recital A

- A. Whereas the completion of the internal energy market *will contribute considerably to* security of supply,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 9

Recital A a (new)

- Aa. Whereas liberalisation and market integration are of equal importance in facilitating cross-border trade, achieving greater economic efficiency and increasing market liquidity, and thus completing the EU internal energy market,*

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 10

Recital B

- B. Whereas decisions about the energy mix in a Member State *have* consequences for the entire European Union *as regards competition, security of supply and environmental sustainability,*

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 11

Recital B

B. Whereas decisions about the energy mix *are for the* Member *States but nevertheless have* consequences for the entire European Union,

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 12

Recital B a (new)

Ba. Whereas the principles of social inclusion and equal opportunities for all mean that it is essential for every citizen of the Union to have affordable access to energy,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 13

Recital B a (new)

Ba. Whereas liberalisation and market integration are of equal importance in facilitating cross-border trade, achieving greater economic efficiency and increasing market liquidity, and thus completing the EU internal energy market,

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 14

Recital B a (new)

Ba. Whereas liberalisation and market integration are of equal importance in facilitating cross-border trade, achieving greater economic efficiency and increasing market liquidity, and thus completing the EU internal energy market,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 15

Recital C

- C. Whereas 20 out of the 27 Member States ***have not transposed correctly*** the directives on the internal energy market,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 16

Recital C

- C. Whereas 20 out of the 27 Member States are yet to ***fully*** transpose the directives on the Internal Energy Market ***in word and in spirit***,

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 17

Recital C a (new)

- Ca. Whereas the establishment by the regulators of strong and effective harmonised rules on network access together with effective unbundling are pre-requisites to allowing new entrants to enter the market ,***

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 18

Recital C a (new)

- Ca. whereas in some Member States long-term contracts apply to a substantial proportion of the market, thereby jeopardising the development of free competition and hence the creation of the internal market in energy,***

Or. hu

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 19

Recital D

- D. Whereas the ***implementation of existing EU unbundling provisions in Member States varies*** considerably and this has serious implications ***for*** the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 20

Recital D

- D. Whereas the ***implementation of existing EU unbundling provisions in Member States varies*** considerably and this has serious implications for the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 21

Recital D

- D. Whereas the ***implementation of existing EU unbundling provisions in Member States varies*** considerably and this has serious implications for the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 22

Recital D

- D. Whereas ***there are substantial disparities in the way*** Member States ***have implemented the provisions on unbundling*** having serious implications in the development of a single market of electricity,

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 23
Recital D

- D. Whereas the *implementation of the unbundling provisions in Member States varies* considerably and this has serious implications in the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 24
Recital D

- D. Whereas the *regulatory frameworks and degrees* of unbundling *vary* considerably from Member State to Member State, and this has serious implications for the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 25
Recital D

- D. Whereas *there are substantial disparities in the way* Member States *have implemented the provisions on unbundling* having serious implications in the development of a single market of electricity,

Or. de

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 26
Recital D

- D. Whereas the degree of unbundling varies considerably from Member State to Member State, and this has *(deletion)* implications for the development of a single electricity market,

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 27
Recital D a (new)

Da. Whereas the convergence and synchronisation of national action with regard to the unbundling provisions is the only way to proceed towards the creation of a single European energy market,

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 28
Recital D a (new)

Da. Whereas non-discriminatory competition and low grid access charges are contingent not on grid ownership arrangements, but rather on effective, sustainable regulation,

Or. de

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 29
Recital E

E. deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 30
Recital E

E. deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 31

Recital E

- E. Whereas most *EU* gas undertakings' profits are primarily generated by their **trading and supply** activities rather than gas **production and transport** while most electric utilities' revenues derive from their generation capacities,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 32

Recital E

- E. Whereas most gas undertakings' profits are **(deletion)** generated **mainly** by their **trading** activities rather than gas extraction **(deletion)**,

Or. en

Amendment by Aldo Patriciello

Amendment 33

Recital E

- E. **Most** gas undertakings' profits are primarily generated by their transport activities rather than gas extraction while most electric utilities' revenues derive from their generation capacities,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 34

Recital F

- F. Whereas **reducing congestion in the transmission of electricity requires both** massive investment **in** the **expansion and** upgrading of the **electricity** grid **and more efficient market-based congestion management mechanisms**,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 35

Recital F

- F. Whereas ***reducing congestion in the transmission of electricity requires both*** massive investment ***in the expansion and*** upgrading of the ***electricity grid and more efficient market-based congestion management mechanisms,***

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 36

Recital F

- F. Whereas ***reducing congestion in the transmission of electricity requires both*** massive investment ***in the expansion and*** upgrading of the ***electricity grid and more efficient market-based congestion management mechanisms,***

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 37

Recital F

- F. Whereas massive investment is needed in the upgrading of the electric grid in order to contribute significantly to reducing inefficiencies in the transport of electricity ***and to improving the quality and uninterruptedness of the electricity supply,***

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 38

Recital F a (new)

- Fa. Whereas any new proposed legislation should tackle the specific problems faced by the energy intensive industries, such as the high energy prices derived from the lack of competition in the markets,***

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 39
Recital G

- G. Whereas *interconnection levels* between *several* Member States are still insufficient, *fall far short of the agreements made during the Barcelona Summit*, and, in *many* cases, political *and administrative* impediments are the root cause for the delays in their construction,

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 40
Recital G

- G. Whereas interconnections between *several* Member States are still insufficient and, in *many* cases, political *and administrative* impediments are the root cause for the delays in their construction,

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 41
Recital G

- G. Whereas interconnections between Member States are still insufficient and, in *several* cases, *a variety of* political impediments are the root cause for the delays in their construction,

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 42
Recital G

- G. Whereas interconnections between Member States are still insufficient and (*deletion*) political impediments are the root cause for the delays in their construction,

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 43

Recital H

H. Whereas, before proposing any legislation on the **mandatory** creation of gas **storage facilities in each Member State**, the Commission should put forward a cost benefit study **and a thorough impact assessment**,

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 44

Recital H a (new)

Ha. Whereas liberalisation and market integration are of equal importance in completing the internal energy market,

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 45

Recital H a (new)

Ha. Whereas the final sentence of point 33 of the Conclusions of the European Council held in Brussels on 8 and 9 March 2007 states the great importance of the energy-intensive sector and emphasises that cost-efficient measures are needed to improve both the competitiveness and the environmental impact of such European industries,

Or. es

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 46

Recital H a (new)

Ha. Whereas lack of transparency has been identified by the Commission as a barrier to

the promotion of competition in the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 47
Recital H b (new)

Hb. *Whereas there is a need for a clear, stable and predictable regulatory framework for the long-term investments that are necessary in the energy sector,*

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary and Benoît Hamon

Amendment 48
Recital H b (new)

Hb. *whereas a European public energy authority could help to finance research and the development of renewable energies, maintain tariff equalisation and ensure equal access to energy for all citizens,*

Or. fr

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 49
First title

Transmission Unbundling

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 50
Paragraph 1

1. **(Deletion)** underlines that **ownership unbundling** does not address all the issues at stake such as interconnections, as shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. de

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 51

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *a possible way of facilitating non-discriminatory grid access; emphasises that the same objectives can be achieved by means of appropriate regulation; emphasises, further, that ownership unbundling will not contribute to the further integration of energy markets, since* this model does not address all the issues at stake such as interconnections *between Member States*, as shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 52

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *as a theoretical option for alleviating concerns regarding discriminatory grid access; emphasises that the same objectives can be achieved with proper regulation; emphasises in particular that ownership unbundling will not contribute to the further integration of energy markets as* this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections *between the Member States*, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 53

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *in the power sector* an effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at stake such as interconnections, as shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 54
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ***that although*** ownership unbundling ***is*** an effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the ***markets (deletion)***, this model does not address all the issues at stake such as, ***in particular***, interconnections ***(deletion)*** (as shown by the fact that 4 ***(deletion)*** Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled) ***or the fall in investments in the gas transmission network (in the case of one of those Member States); realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 55
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling ***the most*** effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market ***and third party readiness to accept the distributed production of gas and electricity and manage the dispatching of it so as to optimize Green House Gas (GHG) discipline;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 56
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling ***the most*** effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model ***should be given priority on the transmission network as it represents the backbone of the electricity and gas markets;***

Or. en

Amendment by Aldo Patriciello

Amendment 57

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling ***the most*** effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market (***deletion***);

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 58

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling an effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market (***deletion***);

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 59

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ***strong, harmonised ex-ante regulation on network access a first priority in the creation of a single EU energy market and considers*** ownership unbundling an effective tool to ***promote*** investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 60

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ***strong, harmonised ex-ante regulation on network access a first priority in the creation of a single EU energy market and considers*** ownership unbundling an effective tool to ***promote*** investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for

newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübzig

Amendment 61

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *a potential* tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at stake such as *cross-border* interconnections, as shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled; *emphasises, at the same time, that in keeping with the subsidiarity principle ownership-related issues must remain a matter for the Member States*;

Or. de

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 62

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *and the establishment of an Independent System Operator (ISO) with no ownership model as effective means of ensuring* investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that *(deletion) the (deletion) Member States have the right to choose freely which of these models they wish to apply at national level*;

Or. It

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 63

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *to be the most* effective tool to *secure a level playing field for access and* ensure investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not *necessarily* address all the issues at play, such as interconnections or *congestion points*, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower

interconnections are ownership unbundled, *but provides the optimal structure to achieve an integrated energy market*,

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 64
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership *transmission* unbundling an effective tool to ensure *adequate* investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 65
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *a possible* tool to ensure *non discrimination in* investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 66
Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling *a possible* tool to ensure *non discrimination in* investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 67

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling an effective tool to **encourage** investment in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers, **especially renewables**, and transparency in the market; underlines, **however**, that this model does not address all the issues at stake such as interconnections, as shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj

Amendment 68

Paragraph 1

1. Considers ownership unbundling **as the most** effective tool to ensure investments in infrastructures, fair access to the grid for newcomers and transparency in the market; underlines that this model does not address all the issues at play such as interconnections, as is shown by the fact that 4 out of the 5 Member States with lower interconnections are ownership unbundled;

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 69

Paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. Calls on the Commission to present an analysis in which the expected costs of ownership unbundling for the Member States, the expected effects on investment in the networks, as well as the benefits for the internal market and consumers are demonstrated; points out that the analysis should address the question whether, and if so what problems or costs would arise if no unbundling is carried out by the state as well as the question whether the negative consequences differ as between state and private ownership; suggests furthermore that the analysis should consider what the advantages would be of an ownership unbundling compared to the independent regional market operator approach as regards the achievements of objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 70

Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Calls on the Commission to present a full impact assessment evaluating the costs and benefits as well as the social effects of different proposals; urges the Commission to discuss the social implications with the social dialogue committees for gas and electricity and take measures to address possible negative consequences;

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 71

Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Considers it vital for the EU's energy supply in the long run that all obstacles to adequate investment in energy production and distribution are addressed, without overestimating any single measure;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 72

Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Believes that the Commission and the Member States should propose specific solutions for the gas sector;

Or. fr

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 73

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that *different approaches need to be taken for transmission and distribution; therefore calls on the Commission not to require, at this stage, ownership unbundling for distribution activities but instead to make attempts to resolve the persisting difficulties - notably grid connections for new entrance - by strengthening the powers of the regulators;*

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 74

Paragraph 2

2. ***Believes that the question of ownership unbundling is dependent on a prior, full evaluation of progress made in the liberalisation of the energy markets of all 27 Member States, as well as on an assessment of the benefits obtained for their economies and their householders, businesses and energy-intensive industries; considers thus that the issue of ownership unbundling should be examined again at a later stage on the basis of sufficient data so as to arrive at a commonly accepted position***; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 75

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a ***(deletion)*** transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; ***in this regard, considers that the option of tighter regulation based on effective powers for the regulator (setting of network use tariffs, approval of the network investment programme, approval of general network access conditions) should be applied in Member States;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 76

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a ***(deletion)*** transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option of ***an enhanced regulation should be enforced in Member states, based on***

effective competences given to the regulators, such as the competence to determine and approve network charges, the competence to approve network investments and the competence to approve the general conditions for access to the networks;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 77

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes *(deletion)* obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; *in this regard, points out that proper enforcement of directives on the internal energy market, particularly as regards legal separation, is an essential precondition and calls on the Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure that national laws comply with existing European texts;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 78

Paragraph 2

2. *(Deletion)* Points out, *however*, that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO) *(deletion)* should be *outlined in greater detail, in view of the investments and the legal framework required;*

Or. de

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 79

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances, *such as the basic constitutional provisions in force in individual Member States*, could hamper, *delay for decades or prevent a* direct transition to ownership unbundling; *points out, in that connection, that there*

*are no academic studies substantiating the impact which it is hoped the current Commission proposals will have; points out, further, that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be **given more practical form**;*

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 80
Paragraph 2

2. *(deletion)* Points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO) **needs to be further clarified with respect to investments and its regulatory framework**;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 81
Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that **priority should be given to the full implementation of the existing legal provisions governing the internal market and that only once those provisions have been shown to be ineffective, on the basis of reliable data, should** the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, *(deletion)* be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States;

Or. de

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 82

Paragraph 2

2. ***Calls on the Commission to continue with the approach that full ownership unbundling must be carried out by all Member States simultaneously***; points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 83

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation (***deletion***);

Or. en

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 84

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ***one of the proposed unbundling models*** but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation (***deletion***);

Or. lt

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 85

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership **transmission** unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States, **if appropriate, once the Commission has drafted the forthcoming proposal on liberalisation of the internal gas and electricity market;**

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 86

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States, **while full ownership unbundling should be the target in the longer term;**

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 87

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States **in the transmission and distribution sectors;**

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 88
Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling ***that has to be*** enforced in Member States ***in a timely, synchronised way***;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 89
Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling ***that has to be*** enforced in Member States ***in a timely, synchronised way***;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni, Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 90
Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling ***that has to be*** enforced in Member States ***in a timely, synchronised way***;

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 91

Paragraph 2

2. Realises that national, ***including constitutional***, circumstances could hamper a direct transition to ownership unbundling but points out that the current situation in some Member States causes serious obstacles to the development of the internal energy market and is unfair to those who have already enforced Community legislation; to this effect considers that the option put forward by the Commission of an Independent System Operator (ISO), properly regulated, should be the minimum level of unbundling enforced in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 92

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. ***Considers that the Commission proposal of an Independent System Operator should be given more practical form; in particular, the cost-benefit ratio should be calculated more precisely, on the basis of the administrative costs which are likely to be generated;***

Or. de

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 93

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. ***Finds it imperative to ensure equal conditions in all Member States for a truly common market for energy to develop; believes that the gas market will not function well unless the infrastructure, both upstream and downstream, is fully unbundled; takes the view that the project for the North European Gas Pipeline from Russia to Germany ensures only limited access to a larger and larger share of imported gas with no competitors, as these new infrastructure projects are not subject to third party access;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 94
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. *Calls on the Commission to take account in its proposals of the differences between the electricity and the gas sectors and of the need to promote harmonisation, convergence and synchronisation of national action on unbundling;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 95
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. *Urges the Commission to put forward various ISO+ models which the Member States could adopt in the light of their specific national circumstances;*

Or. lt

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 96
Paragraph 3

3. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 97
Paragraph 3

3. *Recognises that, despite all the efforts to guarantee equal grid access rights, neither ownership unbundling nor the establishment of an Independent System Operator ((ISO+) will alone lead to greater European involvement in network management and network infrastructure investment; calls on the Commission, therefore, to consider establishing Regional System Operators (RSOs) with a view to guaranteeing the autonomous nature of infrastructure investment;*

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 98
Paragraph 3

3. ***Recognises that, while alleviating concerns about discriminatory grid access, neither the option of ownership unbundling nor the establishment of an Independent System Operator (ISO+) will by itself lead to a more European approach in network management and investment; therefore, calls upon the Commission to consider the establishment of Regional System Operators (RSOs), which should ensure the independence of investments in infrastructure; calls upon the Commission to ensure consistency in order to achieve an integrated European energy market;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 99
Paragraph 3

3. ***Recognises that setting up independent regional operators complements the regional approach to the market, which is an intermediate stage prior to the advent of a European energy market; points out that appropriate measures will be required to prevent the creation of bigger 'energy islands';***

Or. fr

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 100
Paragraph 3

3. While recognising some positive aspects of a regional (*deletion*) approach, warns against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands" ***and thus complicating their integration into the internal energy markets; calls on the Commission to evaluate this model and inform the co-legislators of the results;***

Or. en

Amendment by Göran Färm

Amendment 101

Paragraph 3

3. While recognising some positive aspects of a regional ISO+ approach, warns against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands", ***though this should not prevent small regional and local players from owning and/or operating production and distribution;***

Or. sv

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 102

Paragraph 3

3. While recognising some positive aspects of a regional ISO+ approach, warns against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands"; ***demands that regional structures of the type contemplated do not endanger the functionality of the European single market;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 103

Paragraph 3

3. ***Recognises the*** positive aspects of a ***European or*** regional ISO+ approach, ***but warns*** against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands" ***if it is not extended to the whole continent or at least to coherent regions;***

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 104

Paragraph 3

3. ***Recognizes the*** positive aspects of a regional ISO+ approach, ***warning*** against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands" ***if not extended to the whole continent or at least to coherent***

regions;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni, Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 105

Paragraph 3

3. ***Recognises the*** positive aspects of a ***European or*** regional ISO+ approach, ***warning*** against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands" ***if not extended to the whole continent or at least to coherent regions;***

Or. en

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 106

Paragraph 3

3. While recognising some positive aspects of a regional ISO+ approach ***and the introduction of transmission system operators (TSOs) on the basis of ownership unbundling,*** warns against the problems ***which models of this kind*** could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger 'energy islands';

Or. lt

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 107

Paragraph 3

3. While recognising some positive aspects of a ***regional approach,*** warns against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands";

Or. en

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj

Amendment 108

Paragraph 3

3. While recognising ***several*** positive aspects of a regional ISO+ approach, ***especially as***

regards cross-border exchanges and the market integration achieved through the establishment of effective regional markets, warns against the problems such model could impose on peripheral Member States by creating bigger "energy islands";

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 109

Paragraph 4

4. *Urges the Commission to consider the structural differences between the EU electricity and gas sectors, including the fact that, in important gas upstream markets like Russia, full economic reciprocity is not currently guaranteed; calls therefore on the Commission to come forward with a balanced proposal allowing EU gas companies to use pipeline investments and long-term contracts in order to raise their negotiating power vis-à-vis third countries and companies while preventing the same companies from exercising market power in the EU internal gas market by means of adequate measures;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 110

Paragraph 4

4. *Urges the Commission and Member States to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 111

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the *ownership unbundling and ISO+ models* can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of *these undertakings* generate most of their *profit* through the transport of imported gas; in this respect, urges the Commission and Member States to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. fr

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 112
Paragraph 4

4. ***Calls for the unbundling requirements and also the RSO model to also*** be applied to gas undertakings ***since this increases competition in the supply market***; in this respect, urges the Commission and Member States to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 113
Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the ***ISO*** model can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the ***trading*** of imported gas; in this connection, urges the Commission and Member States to ***create specific solutions for gas and to*** send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 114
Paragraph 4

4. Understands that ***these models*** can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas; in this connection, urges the Commission and Member States to ***create specific solutions for gas and to*** send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 115

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that *these models* can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas. In this connection, urges the Commission and Member States to ***create specific solutions for gas and to*** send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübigen

Amendment 116

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the ISO+ model can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas ***and they can produce little or no gas of their own, owing to the location of reserves***; in this respect, urges the Commission and Member States to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. de

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni, Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 117

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the ISO+ model can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas; in this connection, urges the Commission and Member States ***to agree on the creation of an economic, sustainable, European or regional energy network model and*** to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 118

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the ISO+ model can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas; in this connection, urges the Commission and Member States ***to agree on the creation of an economic, sustainable, European or regional energy network model and*** to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 119

Paragraph 4

4. Understands that the ISO+ model can hardly be applied to gas undertakings as many of them generate most of their revenue through the transport of imported gas; in this connection, urges the Commission and Member States ***to agree on the creation of an economic, sustainable, European or regional energy network model and*** to send a political message to third countries, insisting that European gas undertakings should have fair access to upstream production and to their markets in accordance with the reciprocity principle;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 120

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. Insists that no third country company should be allowed to purchase energy infrastructure unless there is reciprocity with that country;***

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 121
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Calls on the Commission to provide a solution to the problems of independence/conflicts of interests and transparency with regard to Transmission System Operators (TSOs); calls on the Commission to put forward proposals that enable TSOs to fulfil their responsibility as market facilitators and to harmonise the international regulations for TSOs so as to improve cross-border transport;***

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 122
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Notes that an effective ISO+ model would need to have separate management functions from the network owner as well as production and supply interests and that an ISO+ would need to be able to mandate the levels, timing and location of capital investment in the transmission networks;***

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 123
Paragraph 4 b (new)

- 4b. *Believes that regulators must ensure that any company owning energy infrastructure, and in particular transmission networks or pipelines, undertakes to meet clearly set down investment targets in order to avoid hedge fund speculation in this area;***

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 124
Paragraph 5

- 5. *Welcomes the recommendation by the Commission that a new Community institution should be created to guarantee, by means of quick and effective decisions***

on rules and technical issues relating to cross-border trade, the genuine functioning of foreign trade in energy in Europe; considers, in the light of experience of liberalisation to date, that it is necessary to increase the powers and independence of national regulatory authorities and cooperation among them, but that this is not a sufficient condition for the enforcement of the rules on the internal energy market;

Or. hu

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 125

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcome technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that the decisions taken by the regulators should be *based on* consultation with the TSOs; *calls for the establishment of a European regulators' body responsible for cross-border and supranational issues, whose decisions should* be legally binding;

Or. fr

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 126

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level, *possibly through a new European body*, as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be *based on recommendations by* TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 127

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as ***a way to promote a more European approach to regulation on cross-border issues***; considers that increased convergence and ***harmonisation of their powers*** is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a ***decisive role in ensuring that progress is made within reasonable timeframes on EU cross-border regulatory issues and can take appropriate action where necessary***; ***believes*** that decisions (***deletion***) by the regulators should be taken after ***technical*** consultation with the TSOs ***as well as after listening to market participants in general*** and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 128

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as ***a way to promote a more European approach to regulation on cross-border issues***; considers that increased convergence and ***harmonisation of their powers*** is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a ***decisive role in ensuring that progress is made within reasonable timeframes on EU cross-border regulatory issues and can take appropriate action where necessary***; ***believes*** that decisions taken by the regulators should be ***made on an informed basis considering the views of TSOs and market participants*** and ***finally*** be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 129

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcome technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; ***suggests that the***

establishment of a European regulator (ERGEG+) is essential if these proposals are to be effectively implemented; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that the decisions taken by the regulators *or the European regulator* should be taken after consultation with *all market participants* and be legally binding;

Or. de

Amendment by Aldo Patriciello

Amendment 130
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role, *whilst not undermining the independence of regulators*, and that decisions taken by the regulators should be *based, where possible, on recommendations by* TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 131
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role, *whilst not undermining the independence of regulators*, and that decisions taken by the regulators should be *based, where possible, on recommendations by* TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli, Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 132
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation

between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role, ***whilst not undermining the independence of regulators***, and that decisions taken by the regulators should be ***based, where possible, on recommendations by*** TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj

Amendment 133
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role, ***respecting also the independent role of the regulators in their decisions***, and that decisions taken by the regulators should be ***based on recommendations by*** TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 134
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be ***based on broad*** consultation, ***in particular*** with the TSOs ***on network security***, and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 135
Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national

regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross-border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be taken *on specifically-defined technical and trade issues* after consultation with the TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan

Amendment 136

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be *based on recommendations following consultations with all stakeholders* and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 137

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to *harmonise powers and* enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be *based on recommendations by* TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 138

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to *harmonise powers and* enhance cooperation

between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that decisions taken by the regulators should be ***based on recommendations by*** TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 139

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to ***harmonise powers and*** enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcoming technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should play a key role and that the decisions taken by the regulators should be taken after consultation with the TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 140

Paragraph 5

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to enhance cooperation between national regulators at EU level as it considers that increased convergence and synchronisation between them is essential to overcome technical and regulatory differences that impose serious barriers to cross border trade and interconnections; underlines that the Commission should ***also*** play a (***deletion***) role and that the decisions taken by the regulators should be taken after consultation with the TSOs and be legally binding;

Or. de

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 141

Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. ***Calls on the Commission to take into account the differences between the gas and the electricity sectors and insists that appropriate measures be put in place to prevent a situation in which public monopolies are replaced by private ones, or***

publicly owned monopolies not properly unbundled replace private transmission undertakings in liberalised markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 142
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on the Commission to take into account the differences between the gas and the electricity sector and insists that appropriate measures be put in place to prevent a situation in which public monopolies are replaced by private ones, or publicly owned monopolies not properly unbundled replace private transmission undertakings in liberalised markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Toine Manders

Amendment 143
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on the Commission to put forward proposals to harmonise the international regulations for TSOs so as to improve cross-border transport;

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 144
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on Member States' regulatory authorities to cooperate more, with particular reference to the regular comparison of charges for access to the network, which, if necessary, may result in harmonisation of charges for use of networks;

Or. hu

Amendment by Paul Rübige

Amendment 145
Paragraph 6

6. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 146
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain the only responsible authority *for strictly national* decisions within their borders; *hopes that their powers will be extended to include drawing up an inventory of required investments and then actively promoting the implementation thereof;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 147
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain the only responsible authority for decision-making in their territory, *but should also have a responsibility for the wider European situation, and should consequently be granted powers agreed at EU level to deliver on cross-border electricity and gas transmission;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 148
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain the only responsible authority *for* decision-making that *affects their national markets only, while nevertheless considering the need for market integration in their decisions;*

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 149
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain the only responsible authority for decision-making that *affects their national markets only, while nevertheless considering the need for market integration in their decisions*;

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 150
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain the only responsible authority for decision-making in their territory *as regards the efficient operation of the liberalized energy markets and the protection of consumers*;

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 151
Paragraph 6

6. Points out that national regulators should remain *a* responsible authority for decision-making in their territory;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 152
Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. *Believes that, at the present stage of development of the internal market, a key role and aim of national regulators should be to support and promote the harmonisation of national regulations, mainly in relation to security of supply issues, system operation and international exchanges of electricity*;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 153
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Believes that national regulators should exercise ex ante control of the network operator's investment plans;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 154
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Calls on the Commission to bear in mind the need to pursue a real single European energy market and to propose solutions compatible with establishing a road map for the progressive integration of unbundled TSOs into a single European electricity and gas grid;*

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 155
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Recognises that true European interconnection will favour wider acceptance of wind power for the statistical compensation of wind fields and a better use of fission energy as a base load of the entire European grid;*

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 156
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Calls on the Commission to publish all the results of and the answers received in its impact assessment study and to inform it thereof before presenting new legislative*

proposals;

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 157
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Calls on the Commission to publish all the results of and the answers received in its impact assessment study and to inform it thereof before presenting new legislative proposals;*

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 158
Paragraph 7

7. *Believes that the powers of the regulators should be harmonised via the establishment of common rules on transparency, disclosure and accountability in order to ensure that the regulators are independent of government and industry, the law is fully implemented by market players and that the necessary investments and transparency levels are in place; furthermore, reiterates its belief that national energy regulators should be given the role of advising competition authorities in the Member States and of ensuring that energy companies have a statutory obligation to give energy saving advice to customers, which should be monitored by the Commission and annually by the European Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 159
Paragraph 7

7. *Believes that the powers of the regulators should be independent, strong and well defined in order to ensure the law is fully implemented by market players and that the necessary investments and transparency levels are in place; stresses the complementarities of the electricity grid and the gas network; in this context, points out that storage is an integral part of the gas network and should be managed in national and European solidarity; also believes that storage could support stand-by generators of electricity and thus aid security of supply;*

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 160

Paragraph 7

7. Believes that the powers of the regulators should be independent, strong and well defined in order to ensure the law is fully implemented by market players and that the necessary investments and transparency levels ***uniform throughout the EU*** are in place; ***points out further, however, that these powers, and those of a future European regulator, must be exercised on the basis of appropriate procedural standards;***

Or. de

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 161

Paragraph 7

7. Believes that ***(deletion)*** the regulators should be independent, strong and ***have*** well defined ***powers*** in order to ensure the law is fully implemented ***in practice and is respected*** by market players and ***also*** that the necessary investments and transparency levels are in place;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 162

Paragraph 7

7. Believes that the regulators should be independent, strong and ***have*** well defined ***powers*** in order to ensure the law is fully implemented ***in practice, that*** market players ***fully comply with it*** and that the necessary investments and transparency levels are in place;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 163

Paragraph 7

7. Believes that the powers of the regulators should be independent, strong, well defined **and harmonised at European level** in order to ensure the law is fully implemented by market players and that the necessary investments and transparency levels are in place;

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog, Britta Thomsen

Amendment 164

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Insists that strengthening the powers of the European Regulators Group for electricity and gas (EREG) should not lead to decisions being taken without democratic oversight; therefore calls on the Commission to establish an advisory board for the EREG which includes representatives of the social partners and of household and industrial users as well as representatives of vulnerable users, and other stakeholders; recommends that EREG should consult this advisory board to obtain broad views on its proposals and that the advisory board's main function should be to promote the general interest, including social, environmental, social and industrial objectives and that it should be equipped with the relevant expertise and resources to assist its functioning;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 165

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Believes that the powers of the regulators need to be progressively harmonised at the level of the strongest;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 166

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Believes that the interface between regulatory authorities and the relevant cartel authorities should be strengthened both at national and at EU level; calls for the introduction of the necessary powers to impose electricity and gas release programmes in markets which are highly concentrated;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 167

Paragraph 8

8. ***Believes that the national regulators should be fully independent of the national authorities and should be able to penalise an operator who fails to meet his contractual obligations or a transmission operator who fails to meet his network maintenance obligations;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 168

Paragraph 8

8. ***Believes that the decisions of the national regulators should be taken independently of governments and companies;***

Or. es

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 169

Paragraph 8

8. Criticises the ***increasing***, excessive interventionism of some governments, ***especially in some Middle and Eastern European countries***, in the decisions taken by national regulators, as this undermines the latter's role as independent authorities;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 170
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Believes that broad harmonisation is needed, at EU level, of existing regulations so as to remove obstacles to market integration; believes that harmonised regulations should be enforced by truly independent national regulators, which should all have the same set of powers;*

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 171
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Calls, therefore, on the Commission to draw up a more harmonised framework for the activities and rights of national regulators;*

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 172
Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Is concerned that increased powers for the ERGEG will lead to decisions being taken without democratic control; calls on the Commission to establish an advisory board for the ERGEG which includes representatives of the social partners and of household and industrial users as well as representatives of vulnerable/ poor users, and other stakeholders; recommends that the ERGEG consult this advisory board to obtain broad views on its proposals and that the advisory board's main function is to promote the general interest, including social, environmental, social and industrial objectives, and that it be equipped with the relevant expertise and resources to assist its functioning;*

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 173

Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Considers that the progressive harmonisation at regional level of national rules relating, among others things, to access to grid and cross-border transmission capacities, would contribute effectively to the integration of the internal market; in this spirit calls on the Commission to evaluate the possibilities of developing regional regulation mechanisms;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 174

Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Stresses the importance of consumers having easy access to price and choice information, an easy method of switching energy provider and the right to be heard by the regulators in each Member State;*

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 175

Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. *Regional markets*

Recognises the development of regional markets as an intermediate step to a pan-European market as a positive development; believes that, through close cooperation between regulators, TSOs and market participants, the level of competition in the wholesale markets has increased and works as a driver for market integration;

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 176
Paragraph 8 b (new)

8b. Regional markets

Recognises the development of regional markets as an intermediate step to a pan-European market as a positive development; notes that, as a result of efforts to reduce trade barriers, competition in the wholesale markets has increased, thus acting as a driver for market integration;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 177
Paragraph 8 b (new)

8b. Regrets the lack of any reference in the Commission's communication to price mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog, Dorette Corbey

Amendment 178
Paragraph 8 c (new)

8c. Reaffirms its view that supplying people with energy to meet basic needs is indispensable and that such supplies must be ensured; therefore requests energy regulators in the Member States to ensure that universal service obligations are honoured and that vulnerable and poor consumers are adequately protected;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 179
Paragraph 8 c (new)

8c. Calls on the Member States to grant powers to national regulators, agreed at EU level, 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 national regulators should also insist on the need for network operators to act in the interests of European consumers; considers that, before a European 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. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 180

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove *over time and in line with user categories – large professional users, small professional users and domestic users* – the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/EC – as they distort the market and are *(deletion)* used in some Member States to *exclude* new entrants *from the market*;

Member States which temporarily continue to apply regulated retail tariffs shall implement, during the same transitional period, a wholesale supply mechanism which must (a) be accessible to new entrants and (b) be at a level which makes it possible to compete with the regulated retail tariffs applicable to the relevant user categories;

Or. fr

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj

Amendment 181

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of *tariffs for supply of last resort and supply to vulnerable customer*, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business; *points out that last resort and supply to vulnerable customers should be cost neutral and clearly defined;*

Or. en

Amendment by Vladimír Remek

Amendment 182

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs **and tariffs covering the real transmission costs**, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business;

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 183

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs, **in a way which takes account of the principle of social solidarity** – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined **by** Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to push new entrants out of business;

Or. hu

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 184

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs, **in the electricity and gas sectors**, with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business, **whilst ensuring that there are adequate standards to protect vulnerable customers, particularly in terms of fuel poverty, including non-market based mechanisms**;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 185

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business, ***whilst ensuring that there are adequate standards to protect vulnerable customers particularly in terms of fuel poverty, including non-market based mechanisms;***

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 186

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business, ***whilst ensuring that there are adequate standards to protect vulnerable customers particularly in terms of fuel poverty, including non-market based mechanisms;***

Or. en

Amendment by Aldo Patriciello

Amendment 187

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs – as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business, ***whilst ensuring that there are adequate standards to protect vulnerable customers particularly in terms of fuel poverty, including non-market based mechanisms;***

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 188

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to **(deletion)** remove **as quickly as possible** the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE - as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to push new entrants out of business;

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 189

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to **(deletion)** remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs **as soon as possible** – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business;

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 190

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs **at the time when truly functioning electricity markets exist** – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business;

Or. en

Amendment by Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 191

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States **as soon as possible after opening up of the market** to **(deletion)** remove the application of **any** regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort

tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business;

Or. en

Amendment by Toine Manders

Amendment 192
Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States ***after opening up of the market to (deletion)*** remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs – with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE – as they distort the market and are often used in some Member States to force new entrants out of business;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 193
Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to ***(deletion)*** remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs ***(deletion)*** as they distort the market, ***deter new entry, force new, independent suppliers*** out of business ***and discourage investment;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 194
Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs as they distort the market, ***deter new entry, push*** new ***independent suppliers*** out of business ***and discourage investment;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 195

Paragraph 9

9. Urges Member States to gradually remove the application of generalised regulated tariffs - with the exception of last resort tariffs, as defined in Directive 2003/54/CE, - as they distort the market ***and have a negative impact on competition, particularly with regard to new operators;***

Or. es

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 196

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Is nevertheless of the opinion that Member States should take effective measures to prevent fuel poverty and to ensure that domestic users are not disconnected because they cannot afford to pay their bills;***

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 197

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Recalls however that the objectives of solidarity and consumer protection justify the establishment of public service obligations, including, as necessary, such specific regulated end-user tariffs as may be required to combat energy poverty and to ensure affordable access to energy for all consumers;***

Or. en

Amendment by Toine Manders

Amendment 198

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Recognises the development of regional markets as an intermediate step to a pan-European market as a positive development;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 199

Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Believes that measures to protect consumers, including vulnerable and other disadvantaged sectors of society, should not impede companies in competing on equal terms on the market and should be financed with transparency, in a non-discriminatory way, preferably via dedicated public funds, and as part of an appropriate and well-targeted social policy framework;*

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 200

Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Notes the difficulties that household consumers encounter in benefiting from liberalised markets; urges the Commission to put forward concrete proposals on how to enhance transparency for consumers and on labelling requirements and to strengthen the role of consumer organisations in the EU energy market; urges the Commission and the Member States also to give greater priority to combating energy poverty, notably by favouring energy efficiency investments;*

Or. en

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 201

Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Calls on the Commission to propose appropriate measures to safeguard the interests of consumers, notably as regards trends in electricity and gas prices;*

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 202

Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *demande à la Commission européenne de proposer des mesures appropriées pour préserver les intérêts des consommateurs, notamment eu égard à l'évolution des prix*

en électricité et en gaz;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester,

Amendment 203

Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes Council's commitment to ***accelerate the development of interconnections, while recognising that removing congestion points and providing adequate capacity for trade and energy flows is more important than an arbitrary target figure;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 204

Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes Council's commitment to ***accelerate the development of interconnections;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 205

Paragraph 10

10. ***Notes the Council's statement regarding greater interconnection but believes that the 10% interconnection levels should only be indicative and should take account of regional and Member State specificities;***

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 206

Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes Council's commitment to fulfil the Barcelona Summit objective of achieving 10% interconnection levels in all Member States; ***nevertheless believes that***

the Commission should consider developing more flexible, market-related criteria by which to measure the adequacy of cross-border transmission capacities;

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 207
Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes Council's commitment to fulfil the Barcelona Summit objective of achieving 10% interconnection levels in all Member States; *however, the Commission should consider developing flexible and market-oriented criteria with a view to determining what volume of cross-border network capacity is appropriate in each case;*

Or. de

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 208
Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes *the* commitment *renewed and extended by the European Council in Brussels on 8 and 9 March to ask the Member States concerned to achieve at least 10% of gas and electricity interconnection levels by 2010;*

Or. es

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 209
Paragraph 10

10. Welcomes Council's commitment to fulfil the *(deletion)* objective of achieving 10% interconnection levels *in gas and electricity* in all Member States *by accelerating their development;*

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 210

Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Draws attention to the pressing need to improve the investment climate for power station capacity and energy supply infrastructure by simplifying and speeding up authorisation procedures and speeding up legal procedures; in that connection, emphasises that decentralised energy infrastructure and generation can help to bring about a higher level of security of energy supply and should be encouraged when energy policy strategies are drawn up;

Or. de

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 211

Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Recognises that not only ownership unbundled member states have a high interconnection rate or enhanced interconnection capacity markedly in the past;

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 212

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts in removing technical and political barriers to the completion of existing projects, in particular the 4 projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest; *calls on Member States to introduce national procedures which ensure that planning and authorisation procedures for projects of European interest (in particular the trans-European networks) can be completed within a maximum of five years;*

Or. de

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 213

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts to remove technical, *administrative*

and political barriers to the completion of existing *and future* projects, in particular the four projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest; ***calls on Member States to facilitate authorisation procedures for the building of interconnection lines and to limit the duration of such procedures to a maximum of five years;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 214

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts to remove technical, ***administrative*** and political barriers to the completion of existing projects, in particular the four projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest; ***calls on Member States to facilitate authorisation procedures for the building of interconnection lines and to limit the duration of such procedures to a maximum of 5 years;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 215

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts, ***including the strengthening of bilateral cooperation, to remove*** technical and political barriers to the completion of existing projects, in particular the four projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest;

Or. es

Amendment by Göran Färm

Amendment 216

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts in removing technical and political barriers to the completion of existing projects, in particular the 4 projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest; ***considers, however, that environmental aspects and other overriding considerations of general interest should always be fully taken into account;***

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 217

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts to remove technical, ***administrative*** and political barriers to the completion of existing projects, in particular the four projects identified by the Commission as projects of European interest;

Or. en

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 218

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on Member States to increase their efforts in removing technical and political barriers to the completion of existing projects ***and to resolve problems relating to isolation, primarily 'energy islands', in particular in the gas sector, by preparing projects which will receive European funding in their totality or in respect of their non-commercial aspects;***

Or. lt

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 219

Paragraph 11 a (new)

- 11a. Once again insists on the need to encourage and develop cooperation between TSOs as market facilitators so as to improve cross-border transport;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 220

Paragraph 11 a (new)

- 11a. Calls on the Commission, having due regard to the subsidiary principle, to require***

the Member States to set up national procedures under which planning and approval procedures for important infrastructure energy projects should be completed within a maximum of five years, as anticipated in the Priority Interconnection Plan relating to the projects of European interest;

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 221
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Urges the creation of new, regional energy markets following the model of the South East Europe Energy Community, involving both Member States and neighboring countries, such as the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum, in order to enhance solidarity and ensure security of supply;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 222
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Reaffirms the need to increase the budget allocated to trans-European energy networks for, in particular, removing environmental obstacles;

Or. fr

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 223
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Calls on the Commission to put forward a clear plan for the preparation, funding and implementation of the project designed to resolve quickly problems relating to isolation, primarily the 'energy islands', in particular in the gas sector;

Or. lt

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 224

Paragraph 11 b (new)

11b. Calls on the Commission to accelerate the appointment of European coordinators for projects of European interest which are experiencing problems with implementation;

Or. fr

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 225

Paragraph 12

12. Considers that long-term downstream bilateral contracts can constitute a serious obstacle to competition on the internal market in energy if they apply to a significant proportion of the market, but acknowledges that - subject to appropriate regulation - they may contribute to security of supply;

Or. hu

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 226

Paragraph 12

12. Recognises that upstream long-term contracts are necessary to provide a positive investment climate and contribute significantly to security of supply; nevertheless advises Member States to be aware that some companies may not be able to honour commitments because of a lack of investment;

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 227

Paragraph 12

12. Recognises that upstream long-term contracts are necessary to provide a positive investment climate, contribute significantly to security of supply and not harm the integration of the internal energy market in Europe;

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 228

Paragraph 12

12. Recognises that upstream long-term contracts are necessary to provide a positive investment climate and contribute significantly to security of supply, ***provided that new entrants are not excluded from the market;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 229

Paragraph 12

12. Recognises that upstream long-term contracts are necessary to provide a positive investment climate and contribute significantly to security of supply, ***above all in the gas market;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 230

Paragraph 12 a (new)

- 12a. Believes that balanced, effective application of the 'use-it-or-lose-it' principle must be ensured so that new entrants may access the networks where capacity is not utilised;***

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 231

Paragraph 13

- 13. deleted***

Or. hu

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 232

Paragraph 13

13. Believes that, as long as they do not take up a significant percentage of the market, downstream bilateral long term contracts, provide an opportunity for energy intensive industries to negotiate lower energy prices and should therefore be allowed, albeit while being properly regulated ***and provided that they neither close the market to new entrants nor hamper market development;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 233

Paragraph 13

13. Believes downstream bilateral long term contracts, as long as they do not take up a significant percentage of the market, provide an opportunity to energy intensive industries to negotiate ***(deletion) more competitive and stable*** energy prices ***with their chosen supplier*** and should therefore be allowed albeit being properly regulated;

Or. fr

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 234

Paragraph 13

13. Believes downstream bilateral long term contracts ***(deletion)*** provide an opportunity ***for*** energy intensive industries to ***improve both their competitiveness and their environmental impact; believes*** therefore ***that negotiation of such contracts*** should be allowed, ***provided they are*** properly regulated, ***ensuring optimum operation of the electricity system and the sustainable competitiveness of the companies;***

Or. es

Amendment by Romana Jordan Cizelj

Amendment 235

Paragraph 13

13. Believes that, as long as they do not take up a significant percentage of the market, downstream bilateral long term contracts, provide an opportunity for energy intensive industries to negotiate lower energy prices and should therefore be allowed, albeit while being properly regulated ***and while not creating additional costs for the networks;***

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 236

Paragraph 13

13. Believes that, as long as they do not take up a significant percentage of the market ***and do not prevent customers from switching suppliers,*** downstream bilateral long term contracts provide an opportunity for energy intensive industries to negotiate lower energy prices and should therefore be allowed, albeit while being properly regulated;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 237

Paragraph 13

13. Believes that, as long as they do not take up a significant percentage of the market, downstream bilateral long term contracts, provide an opportunity to energy intensive industries to negotiate lower energy prices and should therefore be allowed, albeit while being properly ***supervised by the relevant authorities;***

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 238

Paragraph 13 a (new)

- 13a. Requests the Commission to propose a definition of what constitutes a high energy user; requests the Commission to give special consideration to high energy users in***

the EU that are competing in the global economy;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Reino Paasilinna

Amendment 239
Paragraph 13 a (new)

13a. *Recommends that the Commission give clearer guidance on long-term contracts in the up-stream market and continue to use, and use more effectively, the power it already has to assess individual contracts on a case-by-case basis;*

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 240
Paragraph 14

14. *Asks the Commission to provide clear guidance on such downstream long term contracts in order to reduce uncertainty in the market **and to move towards standardisation of contracts;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 241
Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. *Calls on the Commission to consider a way of formalising relations between national regulators and national competition authorities when the legality of long-term contracts is being assessed with regard to the rules on healthy competition;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 242

Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. *Recalls that energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution facilities are critical infrastructures the safety and security of which must be fully preserved and ensured under all circumstances;*

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 243

Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. *Recognises that the situation of strategic investment in the power sector is most critical in the new Member States in which a considerable increase in energy prices would block economic growth whilst the current level of prices blocks strategic investment in the sector;*

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 244

Paragraph 14 b (new)

14b. *Warns against attempts to develop instruments through market-blocking mechanisms (national champions or LTAs) which are in the long term counter-productive and undermine the fundamental EU principle of freedom of movement; regards it as vital that discussions be held as soon as possible concerning pro-market mechanisms for supporting investments in efficiency in end-use, high-efficiency production and emission-free production;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 245

Paragraph 15

15. *Reiterates its concern over the investment deficits in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks; points out the need for major investment in power and gas*

infrastructures to guarantee security of supply in Europe; stresses the need for a stable, coherent and transparent regulatory framework to establish an investment-friendly climate of confidence;

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 246

Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment deficits in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks, ***and therefore calls for the development of an investment-friendly regulatory environment for the shared benefit of European consumers and businesses;***

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 247

Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment deficits in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks; ***notes that no information is available as to whether companies are investing the maintenance and repair of networks even though this issue is addressed in the Security of Supply Directive; calls on the Commission to address this situation together with the ERGEG;***

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 248

Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment deficits in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks; ***notes that no information is available as to whether companies are investing in the maintenance and repair of networks even though this issue is addressed in the security of supply directive; calls on the Commission to monitor implementation of that directive;***

Or. en

Amendment by Göran Färm

Amendment 249
Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment deficits in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks; ***considers, moreover, that investment in renewable energy sources must be substantially increased and their access to the networks guaranteed;***

Or. sv

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 250
Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment ***needs*** in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks;

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Gilles Savary

Amendment 251
Paragraph 15

15. Reiterates its concern over the investment ***needs*** in the upgrading of the electric grids and gas networks;

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 252
Paragraph 16

16. Regrets that many obstacles still remain in Members States that cause disproportionate delays in the connection of new generation to the main electric grid; therefore calls on national, regional and local authorities to take all the necessary steps to ensure that these delays are reduced to the strict minimum ***and that every inhabited remote and inaccessible area (including as islands and mountainous areas) is connected to the main electricity grid;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 253

Paragraph 16

16. Regrets that many obstacles still remain in Members States that cause disproportionate delays in the ***creation of new energy import infrastructures and in the*** connection of new generation to the main electric grid; therefore calls on national, regional and local authorities to take all the necessary steps to ensure that these delays are reduce to the strict minimum;

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen, Edit Herczog

Amendment 254

Paragraph 16 a (new)

- 16a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to prioritise grid access for renewables as an essential precondition for the successful integration and expansion of energy from renewable sources;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 255

Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to increase grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore & offshore renewable energy generation ***and to give regulators an explicit mandate to favour these investments through their tariffs and regulation;***

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen, Edit Herczog

Amendment 256

Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to increase grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore and offshore renewable energy generation; ***calls for investments in additional, flexible, and intelligent grid infrastructure and grid management to improve system operation and reduce consumer costs;***

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 257

Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to increase grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore and offshore renewable energy generation; ***also calls on Member States to simplify at local level authorisation procedures;***

Or. en

Amendment by Herbert Reul

Amendment 258

Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to increase grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore and offshore renewable energy generation, ***provided that this is economically reasonable;***

Or. en

Amendment by Norbert Glante

Amendment 259

Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to increase grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore & offshore renewable energy generation, ***provided that it is economically viable;***

Or. de

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 260
Paragraph 17

17. Urges Member States to ***facilitate an*** increase ***in*** grid capacity in order to allow the incorporation of new massive onshore and offshore renewable energy generation;

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen, Edit Herczog

Amendment 261
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Welcomes the Commission's recognition of the key role of offshore wind power in achieving the EU's energy and climate goals and stresses the need for a European policy framework for offshore-based renewables, including infrastructure, for the dual purpose of increasing the share of renewables and improving the functioning of the internal energy market;

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen, Edit Herczog

Amendment 262
Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. Recalls that the Commission has ascertained that unfair access to the grid is hindering the further development of renewable electricity projects in several Member States;

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen, Edit Herczog

Amendment 263
Paragraph 17 c (new)

17c. Urges Member States, in the light of the 2020 targets to reduce planning and licensing red tape for renewables, to facilitate grid access, ensure guarantees of origin, preserve network stability and review environmentally-harmful subsidies so

as to ensure a level playing field for renewable energies;

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 264
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Urges Member States to improve grid quality in order to support civilisational development in peripheral regions and asks the Commission to provide the necessary resources for this purpose;

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 265
Paragraph 18

18. Calls on the Commission to assess the feasibility of creating a European 'smart-grid' taking full advantage of the latest Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) available; believes that such a grid could accommodate a wide variety of generation options, empower consumers and be able rapidly to detect and analyse disturbances and to respond and restore from their effects; **urges Member States to give their regulators an explicit mandate to favour the creation of a smart grid through their tariffs and regulation;**

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 266
Paragraph 18

18. Calls on the Commission to assess the feasibility of creating a European smart-grid taking full advantage of the latest Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) available; such a grid would accommodate a wide variety of generation options, **lead to improved energy efficiency and a reduction in CO₂ emissions and** empower the consumer and should be able to rapidly detect and analyze perturbations and to respond and restore from their effects;

Or. de

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 267

Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. Calls on the Commission to make the establishment of well functioning harmonised regional electricity markets by 2009 a priority, with a view to integrating the markets with the biggest potential for development at European level by 2012 and to advancing the establishment of a single European energy market and grid;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 268

Paragraph 18 b (new)

18b. Believes that the Commission should, after conducting a thorough cost/benefit analysis that takes into account the physical and economic constraints of the gas sector, propose a comprehensive gas strategy that examines the need to reduce gas consumption, ensuring third-party access providing for the economical and efficient use of gas, the diversification of supplies and transit routes and improved gas infrastructure (e.g. gas storage, LNG facilities and missing gas hubs), thus also preparing for the introduction of biogas, and the need in some Member States to reverse the direction of the flow of gas and, furthermore, that deals with the question of storage and stocks ;

Or. en

Amendment by João de Deus Pinheiro

Amendment 269

Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. Calls for the creation of a favourable framework for access to the grid in order to boost micro generation and decentralised generation in general;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 270
Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. *Emphasises the need for technical harmonisation of European networks;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli

Amendment 271
Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. *Calls on the Commissions to draw up a road-map for the creation of a single European electricity and gas network;*

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 272
Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. *Welcomes the recent technological progress in feeding biogas into gas grid; urges the Commission to propose concrete measures to exploit this potential more extensively, so as to contribute to the security of supply of gas;*

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 273
Paragraph 19

19 Agrees with the Commission's assessment that, in relation to gas, considering the present technology, it is better to diversify supply routes and technologies, such as degasification plants and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, than to create massive gas stocks, as that option is too expensive, could be used to influence market prices and its use is less flexible than oil stocks; ***nonetheless calls for the extension of strategic oil stocks from 90 to 120 days for reasons of security of supply;***

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 274

Paragraph 19

19. Agrees with the Commission's assessment that, in relation to gas, considering the present technology, it is better to diversify supply routes and technologies, such as degasification plants and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, than to create massive gas stocks; ***calls on the Commission to make a concrete proposal for making better use of existing gas stocks without disturbing the balance between security of supply and favouring new market entrants;***

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Prodi

Amendment 275

Paragraph 19

19. Agrees with the Commission's assessment that, in relation to gas, considering the present technology, it is ***wise*** to diversify supply routes and technologies, such as ***re-gasification*** plants ***at*** Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals ***(deletion)***;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 276

Paragraph 19

19. Agrees with the Commission's assessment that, in relation to gas, considering the present technology, it is better to diversify supply routes and technologies, such as ***(deletion)*** Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, than to create massive gas stocks as this option is too expensive, could be used to influence market prices and its use is less flexible than oil stocks;

Or. fr

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 277

Paragraph 19 a (new)

19a. Stresses in this context that European solidarity mechanisms should be put in place to make better use of the existing bilateral supply contracts of the various Member States so that security of supply can be better ensured in the internal market through an integrated EU emergency mechanism that mutualises risk and crisis management and response ability;

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 278

Paragraph 19 a (new)

19a. Considers that continuity of energy supply must also be based on mutual solidarity between Member States; stresses that a European energy policy and a common external energy policy can only exist if they are based on mutual solidarity and reciprocity; would support a new legislative proposal aimed at ensuring that interruptions in the energy supply can be bridged on the basis of solidarity between Member States; considers moreover that Member States which invoke solidarity in the event of interruptions must have complied with all the implementation obligations in the field of energy;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 279

Title, after paragraph 19 a (new)

Transparency

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 280

Paragraph 19 b (new)

19b. Agrees with the Commission on the need to introduce binding guidelines for both

the electricity and the gas markets; believes that a high, harmonised level of transparency promotes efficient competition and new entries on the markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 281
Paragraph 19 c (new)

19c. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to ensuring better transparency in the market;

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 282
Paragraph 20

20. Is concerned at the number of Member States who are still to transpose Directives 2003/54 and 2003/55 and those who have failed to implement them *properly*; calls on Member States to transpose and fully implement these Directives without delay;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 283
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. Believes that Directives 2003/54 and 2003/55 contain sufficient provisions that, if properly applied, would ensure a competitive scenario and the completion of the single energy market;

Or. en

Amendment by Patrizia Toia

Amendment 284
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Notes that strategic gas stocks may be proposed and developed by individual Member States according to their economic and technical feasibility;*

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriele Albertini

Amendment 285
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Notes that strategic gas stocks may be proposed and developed by individual Member States according to their economic and technical feasibility;*

Or. en

Amendment by Göran Färm

Amendment 286
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Calls on the Commission to present a full impact assessment measuring the costs and benefits, including the effect on society, of a fully developed internal gas and electricity market;*

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 287
Paragraph 21

21. *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment by Angelika Niebler, Christian Ehler

Amendment 288

Paragraph 21 a (new)

21a. While recognising some positive aspects of further unbundling, calls on the Commission initially to enforce full implementation of Directives 2003/54 and 2003/55; considers enhanced cooperation between national regulators at EU level, consequent regulation, the upgrading of energy infrastructure and the development of interconnections effective tools to ensure fair access to the grid for newcomers and effective competition;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 289

Paragraph 22

22. Warns against excessive market concentration, as the opening of energy markets should increase consumer choice of supplier in an open, competitive environment; calls on the Commission to propose measures to tackle the problems arising from market concentration and to increase its efforts to ensure that existing legislation is fully applied;

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 290

Paragraph 22

22. Warns against excessive market concentration, as the opening of energy markets should increase consumer choice of supplier in an open, competitive environment *and reiterates its call on the Commission to take further steps to address concentrations in the energy market in the event of abuses of market dominance;*

Or. en

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 291

Paragraph 22

22. Warns against excessive market concentration ***and considers that this should be best addressed via further progress in enlarging the scope of markets (i.e. market integration)*** as ***there*** should ***be*** consumer choice of supplier in an open competitive environment;

Or. en

Amendment by Göran Färm

Amendment 292

Paragraph 22

22. Warns against excessive market concentration as the opening of energy markets should increase consumer choice of supplier in an open competitive environment; ***calls, therefore, on the Commission to monitor the development of the market and, where necessary, take measures to avoid the formation of oligopolies or oligopoly-like structures as that may result in less choice and higher prices for consumers;***

Or. sv

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 293

Paragraph 22

22. Warns against excessive market concentration (***defined as HHI>1800***) as the opening of energy markets should increase consumer choice of supplier in an open competitive environment;

Or. en

Amendment by João de Deus Pinheiro

Amendment 294

Paragraph 22 a (new)

- 22a. ***Considers that the internal energy market has a lot to gain from transparency and calls for all consumer information to be complete and clear (including the various tariffs available, the company's energy mix and other useful information) so that it***

can function perfectly;

Or. en

Amendment by Pia Elda Locatelli, Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 295
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Believes that transparency is a pre-requisite for the development of competition and that information should always be disclosed in a meaningful, clear and easily accessible way and on a non-discriminatory basis; stresses that transparency should be a key element of the third package;*

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 296
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Calls on the Commission to present proposals on preventing the dependence of European gas or electricity companies on countries or companies outside the EU, which could endanger Europe's security of supply;*

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 297
Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Draws attention to the fact that, although developments in the field of the coordination of the distribution of cross-border capacity are encouraging, the low degree of transparency of the calculation of the NTC (net transfer capacity) required for auctions and of the determination of the ATC (available transfer capacity) constitutes a serious obstacle to competition, which needs to be tackled by introducing stricter regulations concerning the concerted practices which have been found to occur at auctions and by stepping up anti-trust monitoring;*

Or. hu

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 298

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Urges the Commission to closely supervise the impact of concentration on competition, both at national and at European level, taking also into consideration the current consolidation process that is giving rise to new, large, multinational energy undertakings active in a significant number of Member States and with a high degree of vertical and gas-electricity integration;

Or. en

Amendment by Hannes Swoboda

Amendment 299

Paragraph 22 b (new)

22b. Invites the Commission in all its actions and proposals to take account of the importance of the role of small and medium-sized energy companies to the functioning of competitive energy markets;

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 300

Paragraph 22 b (new)

22b. Calls on the Commission to introduce legislation to restrict ownership of electricity and gas companies delivering public services by investment banks, private equity and hedge funds, and other non-utility entities;

Or. en

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 301

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Calls on the Commission to prepare an effective response system for dealing with monopolies, thereby protecting the EU's internal energy market against the influence of vertically integrated energy companies from third countries, which distorts competition;

Or. lt

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 302

Paragraph 23

23. *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment by Eugenijus Maldeikis

Amendment 303

Paragraph 23

Deleted

Or. lt

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 304

Paragraph 23

23. Calls on national governments to stop the promotion of the so-called national champions and refrain from passing protectionist legislation preventing the development of a truly integrated European energy market; ***calls for the establishment of active gas and electricity release programmes and more liquid balancing markets in order to favour new market actors;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 305

Paragraph 23

23. Calls on national governments to stop the promotion of the so-called national champions and refrain from passing protectionist legislation preventing the development of a truly integrated European energy market ***and the creation of genuine European champions;***

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 306
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Considers the establishment of regional energy markets an important step in meeting the objective of completing the internal energy market and calls for streamlining of the work on regional markets by relevant stakeholders and authorities at national and EU level in order to create a level playing field and a stable economic climate;*

Or. en

Amendment by András Gyürk

Amendment 307
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Proposes that consideration be given to amending regulations on access to cross-border capacity in such a way as to require network operators, where they use any revenue from auctions of the scant capacity to develop infrastructure which does not increase the scope for trade between Member States, to use that revenue solely to finance projects defined by the European Union as having priority;*

Or. hu

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 308
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Regrets the important market distortions which remain between the different energy sources notably as a result of the introduction of 'grandfathering' into the European CO² trading scheme and calls on the Commission to devise a road map for the removal of all existing market distortions due to the non internalisation of external costs, in order to establish a level playing field at the latest by 2012;*

Or. en

Amendment by Giles Chichester

Amendment 309

Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Considers it essential that a future, modified Emissions Trading Scheme be fully integrated into the liberalised energy market in a transparent way subject to the regulators so as to avoid causing distortion in market mechanisms;*

Or. en

Amendment by João de Deus Pinheiro

Amendment 310

Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Reiterates the importance of achieving a fully liberalised European energy market as soon as possible and insists on the Commission presenting its package of additional measures for the internal market in late September 2007, as announced;*

Or. en

Amendment by Britta Thomsen

Amendment 311

Title and paragraph 23 a (new)

Social impact and Consumer Protection

23a. *Is concerned that the internal market for electricity and gas might lead to restructuring and job losses in these sectors as is demonstrated by the EcoTec study undertaken for the Commission on the employment effects of opening the electricity and gas market; urges the Commission to support the industries in developing mechanisms for training and redeployment;*

Or. en

Amendment by Edit Herczog

Amendment 312

Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Further insists on the need to implement the internal market for gas and electricity in such a way as to combat energy poverty and ensure that consumers' rights and*

interests are respected; in this regard urges the Commission to present its proposal for an Energy Consumers' Charter by the end of 2007 at the latest; is of the view that the Charter should define adequate means to defend individual consumers, in particular the most vulnerable and poorest ones, methods to improve consumer access to price information, measures to help consumers switch energy provider and the right of consumers to be heard by the regulator in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog, Dorette Corbey

Amendment 313

Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Believes that consumers must be placed at the centre of all future energy policies and that energy poverty should feature more clearly in the Commission's proposals; recalls that consumers, particularly public authorities, which must set an example in this area, also have obligations in terms of energy economy; 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; calls on the Council and the Commission to propose measures which help low income households to achieve energy savings in their homes, thereby reducing their energy bills and their exposure to future price increases;*

Or. en

Amendment by Eluned Morgan, Edit Herczog

Amendment 314

Paragraph 23 a (new)

23a. *Calls on the Commission to recognise that consumers in the energy market will only benefit when markets are liberalised in a way that gives primacy to consumer interest and welfare and where consumers have sufficient knowledge or support to make decisions and enough power or support to resolve problems; urges the Commission therefore, when drawing up an energy customer charter, to set out the principles of a liberalised energy market in which government, regulator, end users and suppliers work in partnership to:*

a) extract the benefits of competitive prices, high quality services and maximized customer care;

b) protect those who are unable to protect themselves in the energy market;

c) offer guidance to those who need help with decision making or complaint resolution;

d) equip consumers with the means and knowledge to make decisions and resolve problems for themselves; and

e) build sustainable energy markets.

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze
Amendment 315
Paragraph 24

24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, *the* Commission *and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.*

Or. fr