

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4010/03  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Safeguarding electricity supplies

The directive concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (2003/54/EC<sup>1</sup>) was adopted on 26 June 2003. Its preamble (particularly Recitals 23, 24 and 26) stresses security of supply, protection of vulnerable customers and maintaining public service standards.

What practical measures has the Commission taken to ensure that Member States comply with their obligations as referred to above? A particular concern, especially in wintertime, is security of supply. The widespread and protracted power cuts in the past year have demonstrated the vulnerability of the existing networks.

How will the Commission ensure that a fully operational internal market in the field of electricity networks does not render operations increasingly unreliable?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 176, 15.7.2003, p. 37.