

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4551/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Changes to the EC Merger Regulation

Does the Commission think that its decision not to intervene in Gas Natural's takeover bid for Endesa might have caused a discriminatory situation with regard to other situations that have been considered in the past? Could the Commission explain why, on the same day it decided that the responsibility for taking a decision on the matter lay with the Spanish authorities, it announced its intention to change the competition rules, and the EC Merger Regulation in particular?