

**Question for written answer E-012539/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: The opening of energy markets in France

According to the French Energy Regulator (CRE), the publicly-regulated access scheme for alternative nuclear electricity suppliers (AREHN), provided for in the NOME Law enforced on July 2011 for residential customers and small professionals, has '*not had a significant impact at this point owing to the fact that the opening of this particular market is increasing at a slow rate*'¹. Only the proportion of the market occupied by alternative supplies for large electricity consumers has risen.

1. What is the current state of play regarding the opening of energy markets within the EU, according to the Commission?
2. In the Commission's opinion, what are the consequences of the NOME Law for the opening up of national energy markets to competition in France, following its adoption by the French Government in December 2010?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure a genuine opening of the French electricity market?

¹ <http://www.cre.fr/documents/presse/communiqués-de-presse/bilan-de-l-entrée-en-vigueur-du-dispositif-de-l-arenh-prevu-dans-la-loi-nome> (CRE Communiqué de Presse, 2 December 2011)