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to the Commission**

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Subject: The issue of energy poverty

There are various mechanisms within the European Union which help tackle the consequences of energy poverty. Above all, special tariffs can be introduced for vulnerable customers, and a public supplier can be established. In any event, measures must be taken to ensure decent conditions even for the most disadvantaged population groups. These are mainly low-income households, pensioners, single parents, the unemployed and those on social benefits.

How can the Commission effectively help overcome this energy poverty, which is mainly affecting the aforementioned low-income groups?