

**Question for written answer E-005548/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: End of regulated energy prices

In a judgment of 19 July 2017, the French Council of State ruled that regulated natural gas prices were in violation of EU law.

We should remember that over 5.4 million French people have signed up to pay these prices.

The Commission has been urging France, in its annual recommendations, to raise them for some years now, alleging that they were set below cost levels and that access for other suppliers was limited.

In other words, French consumers should accept a rise in energy prices so that private distributors will be able to join the market and generate profits.

Does the Commission intend to make French consumers pay the price for the EU's competitive-minded dogma?