

**Question for written answer E-002478/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: The further privatisation of the PPC

The EU energy liberalisation strategy that serves the profitability of business groups has been unconditionally promoted by successive Greek governments, leading to the privatisation of the PPC. The so-called PPC 'rescue plan' by the ND government, which is continuing the SYRIZA government's work, is in line with the anti-working class recommendations made in the EU's 'Enhanced Surveillance Report'. The aim is to make the PPC an attractive investment with a view to its further privatisation, with the introduction of a 'strategic investor', i.e. the hiving off of its profitable sectors, and energy as a whole, to the business groups. The measures include layoffs, the generalised use of eight-month contracts and contract working, new reductions for business groups as well as energy-intensive industries and, on the other hand, increases in tariffs for working-class customers, who are constantly threatened with power cuts and face being pursued for unpaid debts which are securitised and transferred to funds.

The consequences for the PPC of implementing the EU's Emissions Trading System on the pretext of protecting the environment are incalculable. CO2 emission allowances market prices have soared.

What is the Commission's view concerning:

the further privatisation of the PPC?

the need to safeguard the work of all PPC employees with full rights?

the planned new increases in tariffs to be borne by working class households, the self-employed on modest incomes and poor farmers while business groups enjoy new reductions and privileges?

