

**Question for written answer E-000731/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Article 310 of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Article 310 of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement requires the parties to 'ensure the designation and maintenance of an operationally independent regulatory authority or authorities for electricity and gas' with the powers and duties to set up network tariffs, ensure compliance with unbundling and third-party access requirements, take enforcement actions and decide on new exemptions in relation to the cross-border gas and electricity infrastructure.

The gas and electricity trade between Europe and the UK amounts to billions of euro each year and is beneficial to both parties.

1. What measures have been taken by or on behalf of the Commission to designate regulatory authorities that would supervise this huge and important energy market?
2. Have these regulatory authorities been given the authority to deal with the matters specified in Articles 306, 307 and 308 as required by Article 310 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement?
3. If not, when will this authority be granted, and, in the meantime, are there any regulatory authorities that are competent to set up tariffs, decide on exemptions and impose penalties on cross-border energy infrastructure between the EU and the UK?

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