

ORAL QUESTION H-0826/05

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to the Commission

Subject: Liberalising the markets in gas and electricity

Directives 2003/54/EC¹ and 2003/55/EC² laid down the basic criteria for an adequate liberalisation of the markets in gas and electricity; they contain certain minimum necessary requirements regarding freedom of competition in order to achieve reasonable prices, while promoting quality service, protection of the most vulnerable consumers and supply security. The Directives guarantee that from 1 July 2007, all domestic clients will enjoy complete freedom to choose their electricity and gas suppliers.

What does the Commission think are the major current obstacles to establishing a genuine European market in gas and electricity?

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¹ OJ L 176, 15.7.2003, p. 37.

² OJ L 176, 15.7.2003, p. 57.