

ORAL QUESTION H-0994/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Third energy package

In autumn 2007, the Commission published the third energy package, which sets out the EU's future energy policy objectives, including liberalising the energy market through legal and functional unbundling and/or ownership unbundling of production and distribution networks in the electricity and gas sectors.

The gas supplier Gazprom, which enjoys a monopoly in the EU, is a shareholder in many European gas distribution networks.

Can the Commission indicate in which of the largest European gas distribution networks Gazprom is a shareholder? What effect will implementation of the third energy package have on Gazprom? How many EU companies hold shares in Russian gas distribution networks, and what proportion of the shares do they hold?

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