

ORAL QUESTION H-0404/08
for Question Time at the part-session in June 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Recent trend in the gas sector in Belgium

Given recent developments in the Belgian energy sector following the announced merger between Suez and GDF, and with a view to ensuring the security of gas supplies in Belgium and guaranteeing sufficient network investment, does the Commission consider that the elements required to ensure that third parties have genuine access under fair, non-discriminatory and objective conditions are present in sufficient number to create a competitive market in Belgium? In this context, does the Commission not consider that the LNG terminal and Hub at Zeebrugge are key facilities that form part of the gas infrastructure network which Suez should relinquish, both legally and de facto, in order to meet the conditions imposed by the European Commission on the planned merger?

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