

WRITTEN QUESTION P-6144/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Evaluation of results in the internal market for gas and electricity

With reference to my question H-0807/07 of 11 October 2007, and as set out in Parliament's resolution P6_TA(2007)0326 of 10 July 2007, Parliament believes that public ownership in the electricity and gas markets represents one of the main sources of distortion of competition within the EU.

According to the Commission's written answer of 13 November 2007, the Member State must demonstrate that the results are truly effective and that the companies operate separately from one another, providing a level playing field across the whole of the EU. If this matter is left in the hands of the states, what role would the Commission then be playing as guarantor of free competition in the internal market? What is the Commission's understanding of an internal market in which the results are evaluated by the states themselves rather than by the Commission, whose responsibility this would in fact be?