

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2640/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Completion of Units 3 and 4 of the Slovakian Mochovce NPP

The requested closure of Units 1 and 2 of the Bohunice Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) – prior to the Slovak entry within the European Union – has put the country in a position of energy weakness in its geographical area and has forced Slovakia to become a net importer of electric power.

As a counterbalance for that closure, the completion of Units 3 and 4 of Mochovce Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) had been planned. Accordingly, a notification under Article 41 of the Euratom Treaty was filed with the Commission by the operating company, Slovenske Elektrarne (66% owned by Enel of Italy and the rest by the Slovak State), in July 2007.

The ongoing debate about the completion of Units 3 and 4 of the Slovakian Mochovce NPP has postponed for months the recovery of Slovakia's ability to produce base load energy vital to its industrial needs.

We are aware of the various requests for further information that have been channelled to the operating company, as well as of the various arguments that have been raised by many stakeholders regarding the technology adopted for the completion of Mochovce Units 3 and 4; and we acknowledge the thorough and severe scrutiny the Commission carried out. Equally, we are aware of the commitment the investor is ready to accomplish in order to complete a full upgrade and modernisation of the plant.

We therefore ask the Commission:

Is the Commission aware that any further delay regarding Mochovce NPP completion, which fulfils all legislative requirements, produces daily losses in terms of energy and heavily endangers the security of supply in the area, while forcing Slovakia to import energy from neighbouring countries and face a structural impediment to a harmonised development of its industries and economy?