

**Question for written answer P-001903/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Irregular procedure used by the regulator against energy firm ČEZ in Bulgaria

In recent days a number of demonstrations have taken place in Bulgaria, apparently triggered by an exceptional hike in electricity prices. Under pressure as a result of these demonstrations, the Bulgarian energy regulator has launched a procedure to revoke the licence granted to ČEZ to generate and supply electricity. The Bulgarian Government then resigned. With this in mind:

1. In the Commission's view, is the procedure used by the Bulgarian regulator legal under European law?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take on this matter?