

### **Web notice – CEZ & others: opening of proceedings**

On 11 July 2011, the Commission decided to initiate antitrust proceedings in case COMP/B-1/39727 – CEZ & others within the meaning of Article 11(6) of Council Regulation No 1/2003 and Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation No 773/2004.

The proceedings were opened with a view to adopting a decision in application of Chapter III of Council Regulation No 1/2003 and concern preventing of entry of competitors into the wholesale electricity market in the Czech Republic. Infringements (within the meaning of Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union) were allegedly committed by the company CEZ a.s.

The initiation of proceedings does not imply that the Commission has proof of an infringement – it only signifies that the Commission is dealing with the case as a matter of priority.