Case No COMP/M.2357 VATTENFALL /
HAMBURGER
ELECTRIZITÄTSWERK
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REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89 MERGER PROCEDURE

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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MERGER PROCEDURE ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M. 2357 - VATTENFALL / HAMBURGER ELECTRIZITÄTSWERKE / NORDIC POWERHOUSE

Notification of 12/02/2001 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/891

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 53, 20/02/2001, p. 12.

1. On 12.02.2001, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 by which the undertakings Vattenfall AB (Vattenfall), Sweden, and Hamburger Electrizitätswerke Aktiengesellschaft (HEW), Germany, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Nordic Powerhouse GmbH (NPH), Germany, by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Vattenfall: generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity

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OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

- for undertaking HEW: generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity
- for undertaking NPH: physical and financial trading of energy products
- 2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph c, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
- 3. To the extent that restrictions specified by the parties are directly related and necessary to the implementation of the concentration, these restrictions are covered pursuant to Article 6(1)(b), second subparagraph, of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.
- 4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission,

Anna Diamantopoulou Member of the Commission (*signed*)

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² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.