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EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2005 REPORT ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS DIRECTIVES

OPEN INVITATION TO SUBMIT A POSITION PAPER

The Commission is required to issue a report before the end of each year on the impact of the electricity and gas Directives. The first such report was issued on 5 January 2005 and can be found on the website of the Commission at the address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/electricity/benchmarking/index_en.htm.

The corresponding report for 2005 has a particular status since it requires the coverage of additional subjects and will set the scene for the full opening of the market by July 2007. I wish to ensure that an open and transparent procedure is followed relating to the compilation of this report and that all stakeholders are able to present their views.

Individual energy associations and companies are therefore invited to send to the Commission, before 31 July 2005, a document setting out their assessment of:

- current and likely future developments of the gas and electricity markets;
- whether improvements to any aspect of the market opening framework should be explored either at national or Community level; and,
- whether any reinforcement to measures to protect the interests of customers need to be considered.

Submissions received from stakeholder groups will be published on the DG Energy and Transport website.

signed

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