

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8516 — EPH/Centrica Langage and Centrica SHB)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 216/06)

1. On 27 June 2017 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Energetický a průmyslový holding, a.s. ('EPH', Czech Republic) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Centrica Langage Ltd ('Centrica Langage', UK) and Centrica SHB Ltd ('Centrica SHB', UK) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for EPH: EPH is a utility company engaged in brown coal extraction, electricity and heat production, distribution and supply as well as gas transmission, distribution, and storage. EPH is mainly active in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland and the UK;
- for Centrica Langage: Centrica Langage is a gas-fired power plant located near Plymouth, UK, with an installed capacity for electricity generation of approximately 905 MW;
- for Centrica SHB: Centrica SHB is a gas-fired power plant located near Stallingborough, UK, with an installed capacity for electricity generation of approximately 1 310 MW.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+ 32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8516 — EPH/Centrica Langage and Centrica SHB, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.