

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8701 — Edison/GNVI)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 22 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Edison S.p.A. ('Edison', Italy), belonging to Electricité de France S.A.
- Gas Natural Vendita Italia S.p.A. ('GNVI', Italy), controlled by Gas Natural Fenosa Internacional SA..

Edison acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of GNVI.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Edison: generation and supply of electricity, and exploration, production, distribution and supply of natural gas. Edison operates mainly in Italy but also in other European countries, including Switzerland, Greece, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania;
- for GNVI: supply of electricity and natural gas. GNVI is active in Italy.

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.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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