

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6420 — DONG Energy/Shell Gas Direct)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 328/07)

1. On 4 November 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which DONG Energy A/S ('DONG', Denmark), through its wholly owned subsidiary DONG Energy Sales UK Limited, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Shell Gas Direct Limited ('Shell Gas', UK) by way of a purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for DONG: is an integrated energy group active in oil and gas exploration and production, electricity generation and distribution, wholesale and retail supply of natural gas and electricity in Denmark and Northern Europe,
 - for Shell Gas: is active in the supply of gas to non-domestic customers in the UK, providing gas to businesses.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6420 — DONG Energy/Shell Gas Direct, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').