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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rules on unbundling in the EU gas market - Directive 2009/73/EC

The Directive 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas provides for unbundling, and specifies that the Member States should be given a choice between ownership unbundling and setting up a system operator or transmission operator which is independent of supply and production interests.

Germany has applied this directive by allowing all these options on its territory.

However, the Russian state-owned monopoly Gazprom owns the gas, supplies the gas and sells the gas both in Germany and Austria through the German company BASF/Wintershall, by means of an independent transmission operator – the third option.

How does the Commission assess the implementation of the unbundling rules set out in Directive 2009/73/EC?

Does the Commission consider that the case of BASF/Wintershall complies with EU unbundling rules?