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to the Commission
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Subject: Inefficient bidding zones within the EU electricity market

The bidding zones for electricity must be structured to ensure that the EU electricity market operates efficiently and without discrimination. Sweden was required by the Commission decision of 14 April 2010¹ to divide its territory into multiple bidding zones.

However, despite evaluations by the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), many geographically extensive bidding zones across Europe remain inefficient, leading to market distortions.

There is an urgent need for the new Commissioner with responsibility for energy, Dan Jørgensen, to take action to ensure efficiency and non-discrimination within the EU electricity market. In the German-Luxembourgish bidding zone, where the majority of the electricity production is in the north while the demand is greatest in the south, discrepancies are created and prices are affected in Germany and also in the southern bidding zones of Sweden.

1. How will the new Commission follow up on ACER's assessments if the transmission system operators (TSOs) do not change the bidding zones as proposed, and what would the timelines be for such action?
2. What action is the new Commission taking to ensure efficiency and non-discrimination within the EU electricity market?
3. Will the new Commission, by means of Commission decisions, require that TSOs introduce more efficient bidding zones?

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¹ Commission decision of 14 April 2010 relating to a proceeding under Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 54 of the EEA Agreement (Case 39351 – Swedish interconnectors).