

**Question for written answer E-004809/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Responsibility and electricity preparedness

The first snow of the season has fallen in Sweden and, with just a few weeks to go until Christmas, the country has no reserves of power whatsoever. It is therefore not adequately prepared for the winter when it comes to electricity. Svenska kraftnät (SvK, Sweden's electricity system operator) has failed to procure what is known as a strategic reserve – an additional resource that can be activated to maintain the power output when the load on the grid is high. Without such a reserve, there is a much higher risk of power cuts. SvK says the procurement procedure was halted – despite the urgent need – because the costs of the tenders exceeded the ceiling price allowed under EU State aid rules.

1. In the Commission's view, what responsibility does the EU bear when State aid rules prevent a Member State from ensuring the preparedness of its national electricity supply?
2. What view does the Commission take of the fact that Swedish households may well be left without heating on cold winter days because State aid rules have prevented us from ensuring electricity preparedness?
3. Can the Commission provide guidance on how Sweden, without breaking State aid rules, can temporarily introduce other contingency measures to make it possible for a power reserve to be put in place?

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