

**Question for written answer E-003801/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: An affordable energy transition for vulnerable households

A forecast by the Dutch regulator ACM shows that households will pay tens of euros more next year for the management of the electricity and gas networks. Network operators are expected to invest EUR 235 billion over the next fifteen years, the cost of which will be passed on to citizens and businesses. Although these investments will ultimately lead to cheaper energy, the impact of high gas prices on energy bills will remain significant over the coming years.

1. Does the Commission have an understanding of the impact of rising electricity tariffs on energy poverty and the purchasing power of households?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that Member States where this issue is a concern take sufficient steps to accelerate investment and limit costs for consumers in the short term, particularly those on low incomes?
3. What has the Commission done in recent years in terms of enforcement and implementation to meet the ambitions regarding electrification and the expansion of electricity infrastructure?

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