

**Priority question for written answer P-004668/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Questions regarding hydroelectric facilities

If a public body is set up under an in-house contract with the state independent of current operators (such as ‘Hydro de France’, planned by the Directorate-General for Energy and the Climate) to operate hydroelectric plants with an output of over 4.5 MW (currently under a concession regime):

1. Is the creation of an aggregator responsible for coordinating at least the hydroelectric facilities under the in-house contract and the EDF’s nuclear power stations compatible with EU law? If not, what legislation does it breach and on what grounds?
2. Does EU law permit such an aggregator to include other means of production, or even all of France’s means of production, and thus to become a French ‘central distributor’ or ‘single buyer’?
3. As the in-house contract enjoys a public monopoly on hydroelectricity, would it be permissible under EU law to introduce a regulated tariff to sell affordable hydroelectricity to all French consumers based on the total cost of French hydroelectricity generation? If not, what EU legislation would it breach and on what grounds?

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