

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001844/25
to the Commission
Dolors Montserrat (PPE)
(7 May 2025)**

Subject: Monitoring planning errors by national electricity operators

On 28 April 2025, Spain suffered the largest power outage in recent history, with a total system collapse affecting the general supply and critical infrastructure. This episode followed other incidences of instability in previous days, and came against a backdrop of increasing use of renewable energies and planned decommissioning of nuclear power plants.

It should be noted that the current Chair of REDEIA, Beatriz Corredor — who was the Socialist Minister for Housing between 2008 and 2010 — stated publicly in 2021 that there was ‘no risk of a power outage’, describing Spain’s electricity system as ‘the safest and most advanced in the world’.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that the system operator made errors in its planning, monitoring or operational response?
2. What monitoring mechanisms can it activate to review the national operators’ compliance with its guidelines in order to prevent similar incidents in the future?
3. Does it believe that the plan to close nuclear power plants in Spain should be revised, now that the stability of the electricity system has been shown to be vulnerable with its current energy mix?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(9 September 2025)**

The Commission does not evaluate actions of the system operator. This evaluation is the task of the Investigation Committee established based on Incident Classification Scale methodology, adopted pursuant to Article 30(1)(i) of the regulation (EU) 2019/943 ⁽¹⁾.

The Investigation Committee involves experts from ENTSO (European Network of Transmission System Operators) for Electricity, Transmission System Operators, Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and National Regulatory Authorities.

The causes of the blackout are being investigated by the Investigation Committee. As per Article 194 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, each Member State has the right to decide the conditions for exploiting its own energy resources, choose between different energy sources and decide the general structure of its energy supply.

Compliance of national operators with relevant European legislation, including the network codes and the guidelines adopted pursuant to Articles 59, 60 and 61 of Regulation (EU) 2019/943, as well as with the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)’s decisions, is performed by independent National Regulatory Authority, as per Article 59(1)(b) of the directive (EU) 2019/944 ⁽²⁾. Compliance monitoring with national guidelines is done based on national legislation.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/943/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019L0944&qid=1747665297827>.