Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8638 — Shell Midstream Partners/Crestwood Permian Basin Holdings/Crestwood Permian Basin)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 September 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Shell Midstream Partners (Shell Midstream, United States), controlled by Royal Dutch Shell plc (Shell, United Kingdom),

— Crestwood Permian Basin Holdings (United States) controlled by First Reserve Management LP (First Reserve, Cayman Islands) and Crestwood Equity Partners LP (Crestwood, United States),

— Crestwood Permian Basin LLC (United States) controlled by Crestwood Permian Basin Holdings.

Shell Midstream acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over Crestwood Permian Basin. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Shell is a global group of energy and petrochemical companies listed in the London, Amsterdam and New York Stock Exchanges.

— Crestwood Permian Basin Holdings is a joint venture controlled by First Reserve and Crestwood, currently the sole owner of Crestwood Permian Basin.

— Crestwood Permian Basin was formed to construct, own and operate a natural gas gathering system in the Permian Basin, located in the western part of the United States. It will provide gathering, dehydration, compression and liquids handling services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.