Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8660 — Fortum/Uniper)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 169/06)

1. On 7 May 2018, 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:

— Fortum Oyj ('Fortum', Finland),

— Uniper SE ('Uniper', Germany).

Fortum acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Uniper.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 7 November 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Fortum is an energy company principally involved in power and heat generation mainly in the Nordics but with operations elsewhere in Europe, Russia and India,

— Uniper is an energy company that comprises the former conventional power utility business and commodities business of E.ON which operates in Europe and Russia.

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.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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[1] OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').