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Subject: **Case M.12506 – PUBLIGAS / PUBLI-T**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area ([2])

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 24 August 2026, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Publigas SC/CV ('Publigas', Belgium) and Publi-T SC/CV ('Publi-T', Belgium) will enter into a full merger within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Merger Regulation, by way of contract. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Publigas, a holding company bringing together the interests of Belgian municipalities, controls the Belgian gas transmission system operator, Fluxys SA ('Fluxys', Belgium). Fluxys is active in natural gas transmission and storage in Belgium, as well as liquefied natural gas terminalling in Belgium and in France,

– Publi-T, a holding company bringing together the interests of Belgian municipalities, controls the Belgian electricity transmission system

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.
([2]) OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').
([3]) OJ C, C/2026/4665, 2.9.2026.

operator, Elia Group SA/NV ('Elia', Belgium). Elia owns two electricity transmission system operators, one in Belgium and one in Germany. Elia also operates the subsea electricity transmission interconnector linking Belgium to Great Britain.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Anthony WHELAN
Director-General
Directorate-General for Competition

([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').