



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amended proposal for a

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL DECISION

**amending Decision No 1254/96/EC
laying down a series of guidelines for trans-European
energy networks**

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 a (2)
of the EC-Treaty)

Explanatory Memorandum

I

1. The Commission put forward to the Council and the Parliament on 30 September 1998 a proposal for amending Decision No 1254/96/EC laying down a series of guidelines on Trans-European Energy Networks (COM (98) 542).
2. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on the proposal at its first reading in the plenary session in Strasbourg on 11 March 1999. It has adopted 3 amendments one of which simply introduces one of the two others.
3. The Commission can accept all 3 of the amendments adopted by Parliament. These 3 amendments can be accepted in full and included as such in the Commission proposal. They will widen the definition of one project of the present list of projects of common interest and add one new project to the list. Both changes, extending as they do the electricity networks of Spain and Greece respectively, are fully in line with the objectives of the Trans-European Energy Networks. On the following pages they are described in detail.

The opinion of the Economic and Social Committee, delivered on 27 January 1999, is favourable.

The opinion of the Committee of the Regions has not yet been delivered.

II

The following amendments have been accepted by the Commission:

Amendment 1 (Article 1 (1)):

Amendment 1 announces Amendment 2; it is formal only.

Amendment 2 (Annex I (1) new):

Amendment 2 adds to the existing electricity connections on the North and Mediterranean axes of Spain others in the central regions.

Amendment 3 (Annex II (2a) new):

Amendment 3 introduces electricity connections between the islands, e.g. the largest of the Cyclades islands, and to the Greek mainland.

III

The following amendments are not acceptable to the Commission and therefore are not included in the modified proposal:

None.

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Amended proposal

for a Council and European Parliament Decision amending Decision
No 1254/96/EC laying down a series of guidelines on Trans-European
Energy Networks (COM (98) 542).

Initial proposal

Article I

The indicative list of projects of common interest set out in the Annex to Decision No 1254/96/EC is hereby amended as follows :

1. Points c8, f1, g7 and h11 are amended as indicated in Annex I to this Decision.
2. The points appearing in Annex II to this Decision are added.

ANNEX I

TRANS-EUROPEAN ENERGY NETWORKS

Development of internal connections necessary to make the best use of interconnections between Member States:

1. Point c8 is replaced by the following text :

"c8 : **GREECE** : strengthening and development of internal connections"

Amended proposal

Article I

The indicative list of projects of common interest set out in the Annex to Decision No 1254/96/EC is hereby amended as follows :

1. Points c6, c8, f1, g7 and h11 are amended as indicated in Annex I to this Decision.
2. The points appearing in Annex II to this Decision are added.

ANNEX I

TRANS-EUROPEAN ENERGY NETWORKS

Development of internal connections necessary to make the best use of interconnections between Member States:

1. Point c6 is replaced by the following text :

"c6 : **SPAIN** : strengthening and development of internal connections"

- 1a. Point c8 is replaced by the following text :

"c8 : **GREECE** : strengthening and development of internal connections"

(Points 2 to 4 unchanged)

Initial proposal

ANNEX II

TRANS-EUROPEAN ENERGY NETWORKS

Points 1 to 15 following are inserted as appropriate in the alphabetical and numerical order of the list :

ELECTRICITY NETWORKS

Connection of isolated electricity networks to European interconnected networks :

1. "a2 : **IRELAND-UNITED KINGDOM (Wales)** : Connection by submarine cable of the network of the Republic of Ireland to the network of the United Kingdom (Wales)."
2. "a8 : **UNITED KINGDOM (Scotland)** : Connection by submarine cable of the Shetland Islands"

Amended proposal

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2. "a8 : **UNITED KINGDOM (Scotland)** : Connection by submarine cable of the Shetland Islands"
- 2a. "a9 : **GREECE** : Connections between the islands and between the islands and the mainland".

(Points 3 to 15 unchanged)

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