

**Commission ends its investigation into Distrigas' gas sales contracts and accepts the commitments proposed by Distrigas.**

In the context of the Commission's investigation into Distrigas' natural gas sales contracts in Belgium, Distrigas has proposed a set of commitments to the European Commission.

Today, the Commission has adopted a decision that renders binding these commitments for Distrigas until 31 December 2010 and puts an end to its investigation.

The commitments will ensure that for each calendar year on average 70 % of the gas volumes supplied by Distrigas to industrial users and electricity producers in Belgium will return to the market.

Erwin Van Bruysel, CEO of Distrigas « *Distrigas welcomes the Commission's decision which will contribute to the further development of competition in the gas market whilst allowing Distrigas to propose commercial offers which take into account the interests of its industrial customers for whom security of supply, competitive gas supplies and a certain visibility of their energy price are crucial.*

*The application by the Commission of the principles underlying its decision on other markets in Europe, will provide Distrigas with opportunities to further expand its activities on these markets.»*

The text of the commitments is published on the website of the directorate general for competition at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/antitrust/cases>.

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