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## **CRE releases its first report on the operation of French electricity and natural gas retail markets**

The CRE has released its first report on the French electricity and natural gas retail markets for 2011 and 2012 for certain analyses. This reference document will give stakeholders a thorough understanding of how these markets operate by not only presenting a comprehensive overview of the development of competition but also a prospective analysis of the evolution of electricity prices by 2017 should all other things remain equal.

Remember that, in accordance with European directives, Article 16 of the Act of 7 December 2010 on the new organisation of the electricity market has expanded the CRE's electricity and gas wholesale market monitoring mission to monitoring retail markets.

In this regard, Article L.131-2 of the Energy Code provides that the CRE: "monitors the consistency of offers, including capacity guarantees, by producers, traders and suppliers, especially to final consumers, with their economic and technical constraints, and where appropriate their conditions of supply through regulated access to historical nuclear energy. It can advise and propose measures to promote operation and transparency, particularly with regards to prices on the retail market. "

> [Read the report \(in French only\)](#)

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