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CRE takes one of the five deputy chairs of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

Mr Michel THIOLLIERE, member of the Regulatory Commission of Energy's (CRE) board has been elected deputy chairman of the CEER.

Born in 1955, Mr THIOLLIERE has a degree in literature and a masters in American studies. He began working as an English teacher, was elected deputy mayor of Saint-Etienne in 1983, and then was mayor from 1994 to 2008.

He was General Councillor of the Loire from 1985 to 1998 and Regional Councillor of the Rhône-Alpes from 1998 to 2001. He was elected Senator of the Loire in 2001.

He was vice-chairman of the Senate's Committee on Culture, Education, and Communication in 2004 and was appointed member of the board of the High Authority of Diffusion on the Art Works and Protection of Rights on the Internet (HADOPI). Mr THIOLLIERE was appointed to the CRE in March 2010 by the Chairman of the Senate who has just renewed his mandate for another four years.

The CEER is an association of the 29 EU country members and the European Economic Area created in 2000 at the initiative of national energy regulators. CEER structures include a General Meetings where decisions are taken by consensus and, failing that, by qualified majority vote, a Board, Working Groups (WP) specialised in Gas and Electricity, EU international relations, consumer protection, and financial affairs. The CEER also has a secretariat in Brussels. Its programme of works is released every year.

Lord John MOGG is the President of the CEER and Chairman of the British Regulator, Ofgem. The four vice-presidents are: Walter BOLTZ, Director of the Austrian regulatory authority, Johannes KINDLER, vice-chairman of the German regulatory authority, Carlo CREA, Managing Director of the Italian regulatory authority, and Marek WOSZCZYK, chairman of the Polish regulatory authority.

Founded on 24 March 2000, the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) is an independent administrative body. CRE works to guarantee smooth and efficient operation of the electricity and natural gas markets for the benefit of the end-user. It also works to guarantee the absence of discriminatory practices, cross-subsidies or restrictions on competition.

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