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The future of the French energy sector under threat!

The Mines-Énergies CGT, CFE-CGC Énergies, FCE-CFDT and FO Énergie et Mines trade union federations together addressed the issue of the future of the energy sector as a whole on 28 October last.

Two recent initiatives have prompted the trade union federations to voice grave concerns for the future of jobs in the electricity and gas industries. They include the Hercules project to break the EDF Group up into three separate units (green, blue and azure) and the ENGIE project to split the group into two distinct entities (New ENGIE and Solutions).

Their concern is shared by the workers, who are worried about the future of their jobs and the role of the EDF and ENGIE Groups in spearheading the energy transition. The attitude of the two Groups' senior management teams is deeply worrying: they are determined, whatever the cost, to push through their plans to reorganise the Groups, which will destroy the public electricity and gas service and lead to massive job losses.

Given this state of affairs, the trade union federations have decided to call out electricity and gas industry workers for a day of industrial action on 26 November next. This protest day will make our voices heard outside our companies.

Over the next few days, the Mines-Énergies CGT, CFE-CGC Énergies, FCE-CFDT and FO Énergie et Mines trade union federations will bring EDF's situation to the attention of the President of the European Commission.

France's second period of lockdown is currently disrupting the work of employees in the electricity and gas industries. Whether they are working remotely, from home or on site, the workers are on duty to ensure that essential activities continue to operate throughout the country, as they have always done.

The industrial action day on 26 November will be an opportunity to remind the authorities and citizens of the need to defend a model of public service in the general interest that has amply proved its worth.