



38th IG Meeting. South Gas Regional Initiative

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Teleconference

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Opening

The chair welcomed all participants to the 38th Implementation Group (IG) meeting.

The minutes of the 37th IG SGRI meeting was approved.

The agenda of the meeting was approved.

II. Interoperability NC.

II.1. Interconnection agreements.

As agreed in the last IG meeting, Spanish and French TSOs sent the IA VIP Pirineos (last 15th of July by email). Regarding confidentiality of this document, TSOs explained that some parts of the IA, namely, allocation rules and communication of specific events are not confidential and OBA and parts containing specific data remain confidential. They will submit a non-confidential version of the IA VIP Pirineos in the next few days. This non-confidential version will be submitted to ACER's web page as part of the meeting documentation.

Regarding IA VIP Ibérico (still pending to be received by NRAs), Enagas explained that Spanish and Portuguese TSOs will have a meeting on 28th July to finalize it and by the end of July, they will submit to NRAs a full version and a non-confidential version of the IA. The structure and the content of the document is very similar to the IA VIP Pirineos.

ENAGAS and REN TSOs will forward the IA VIP Ibérico by the end of July.

TSOs will send the non-confidential version of the IA to NRAs at least two days in advance before launching the public consultation.

Both IAs will be submitted to public consultation at the same time for a period of 2 months starting at the beginning of August.

Throughout September, NRAs will assess that both IAs comply with the IO NC provisions.



III. Balancing

CNMC explained the regulatory developments (both already done and currently under development) with regard to the balancing NC in Spain. Since last meeting, CNMC has submitted a non-binding report about guarantees to cover possible imbalances to the Ministry. The regulation on guarantees is expected to be published soon.

Regarding incentives for TSO to use balancing actions efficiently, CNMC explained that is currently working on developing such regulation and asked to CRE to share information about their mechanisms in place, if possible. CRE explained they will check and share any information that might be useful.

In France, TIGF exposed that it has been launched a public consultation in June in order to assess some changes of existing rules, to evaluate, among other things, parameters determining balancing price adjustment and linepack flexibility.

CRE will provide on update on the consultation and if relevant the subsequent evolutions to the SGRI IG members.

In Portugal, ERSE announced that a public consultation about detailed rules of balancing will be launched next week.

On this issue, participants agreed to keep informed SGRI IG on the implementation of the balancing NC and to share any information about incentives for TSO to use balancing action.

IV. Regional integration of gas markets

IV.1. MIBGAS: ongoing developments

Regarding market integration of Spanish and Portuguese markets, CNMC explained that NRAs and TSOs from Spain and Portugal, together with MIBGAS, are closely working to incorporate Portugal to MIBGAS exchange. The short term target is to implement an implicit allocation mechanism with cross border tariffs and in the mid-long term moving towards a trading region model. Two bilateral meeting has been held where they have been defined the issues to be developed in order to implement the implicit allocation mechanism, namely, accommodate MIBGAS market rules to incorporate Portuguese node to MIBGAS, revise CAM rules in the VIP, elaborate procedures of communication MIBGAS-TSOs and analyse other regulatory changes.

ACER asked about the share of capacity to be put aside for implicit allocation. CNMC explained that at first, the idea is to set aside a certain quantity of capacity, initially, 3 GWh/day of technical capacity, for implicit allocation, reducing that capacity from the yearly available interconnection capacity offered through explicit allocation by PRISMA. The idea is to revise periodically the amount of capacity to be set aside. Regarding the kind of products to be used with implicit allocation, it is currently under discussion whether to use intraday and daily products or intraday, daily and monthly products.



Participants agreed to keep informed SGRI IG on the progress of the integration of the Spanish and Portuguese markets.

V. Proposal for the new SGRI Work Plan

The Work Plan of the SGRI for 2017-2018 was discussed. The Work Plan includes five targets regarding use of infrastructures in the region, gas balancing regimes, market integration, tariffs and infrastructures.

Regarding the content of first target about the use of infrastructures in the Region, CNMC presented a proposal of subjects for this deliverable. ACER explained that they are currently working on the CAM/CMP implementation monitoring report and it would be interesting to compare both reports. SGRI's report will be a deeper analysis of the region interconnections. In any case, ACER report and the one proposed in the work plan deliverable are compatible.

Regarding the second target about balancing regimes, the proposal is to do this assessment twice, namely in December 2017 and December 2018.

Due to technical problems with the telephone connections, the meeting concluded at this point of the agenda. It was not possible to discuss the rest of the tasks included in the proposal of the work plan 2017-2018; it was requested that participants send their comments on the work plan by email.

Regarding target one, NRAs will draft an index of the report that will be circulated to TSOs for comments.

Regarding target two, it is agreed to present the assessment of the balancing regimes twice, the first one in December 2017 and the second in December 2018.

Participants will send their proposals for the SGRI WP 2017-2018 to Regulators by e-mail before next IG meeting scheduled by 4th October.

Next IG meeting: 4th October 2016 (by telco).