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## Open letter on establishment of an ad hoc expert group

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Ljubljana, 28 September 2011

**Object:** establishment of an ad hoc expert group on Framework Guidelines on gas interoperability rules.

Dear Sir or Madam,

ACER (the “European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators”) has decided to set up an informal “ad hoc” group of experts on gas interoperability rules. The goal of this group will be to provide expert support to ACER during the development of Framework Guidelines on gas interoperability rules.

The Third Package of European energy legislation envisages the development of European network codes in different areas. ENTSO-G will be responsible for drafting cross-border network codes based on the principles and objectives set out in the Framework Guidelines to be prepared by ACER in consultation with network users.

The terms of reference for the expert group on gas interoperability rules with specific criteria for the experts are provided in Annex 1.

At this stage, only experts responding to the criteria identified in the Annex 1 are invited to apply. The application should set out briefly:

- List of relevant qualifications, including education and number of years of experience in the area technical or operational functioning of the gas markets, specifying in which countries or segments these have been gained;
- Current involvement in the electricity/gas industry and the company or organization (including EU stakeholder organization) he or she is a member of (indicate current and past participation/contribution in task forces or working groups of associations by indicating the subject dealt with);
- List of relevant publications;
- Contact details.

Please apply by **12 October 2011**, i.e. two weeks after publication of this "Open Letter" on ACER's website. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Following the reception of the applications, a list of the members of the expert group will be drawn up according to a selection procedure conducted by ACER. According to the "Rules of Procedure for the establishment of ad hoc expert groups" (see Annex 2 of this letter), the expert group shall aim to have a broad range of relevant expertise according to Annex 1 and guarantee a good geographical diversity.

Should you have any questions about this or the work of ACER in this area, please do not hesitate to contact:

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