Dear Sir or Madam,

In response to the invitation from Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulation expressed in „The definition of capacity calculation regions. Consultation document” (PC_2016_E_02; 22 June 2016), I would like to present the Economic Chamber of Non-Ferrous Metals and Recycling (hereinafter named “Chamber”) position on the common proposal for capacity calculation regions (developed by the Transmission System Operators - Draft Version 1.0; 24 September 2015).

For more than 20 years the Economic Chamber of Non-Ferrous Metals and Recycling supports the development of non-ferrous metals industry and recycling in Poland. The mission of the Chamber is execution of tasks resulting from statutory entitlements of the Chamber, as the autonomous organization of the economic self-government. The purpose of the Chamber is enhancing the capacity for more effective representation of non-ferrous metals industry and recycling in politics, business and society. Some of the main goals of the Chamber are: supporting the members in achieving marketing objectives in national and international competition and representing their interests in the Polish and European sectoral policy.

I. Do you consider both the commitment from the CWE and the CEE TSOs to cooperate towards a merger of the CWE and CEE CCRs and the MoU signed on 3 March 2016 as sufficient to ensure that the CWE and CEE regions will develop and implement a common congestion management procedure complaint with the requirements of the CACM Regulation, as well as of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009? Or should the definition of the CCRs provide for a CCR already merging the proposed CWE and CEE regions to ensure compliance with the required common congestion management procedure?

The Chamber supports all initiatives promoting effective competition in the generation, trading and supply of electricity within the EU. Therefore the Camber stands on a position,
that the idea of coupling of the Member States energy markets, including the single day-ahead and intraday energy markets, should be implemented in the possible broad scope.

As regards the commitment from the CWE and the CEE TSOs to cooperate towards a merger of the CWE and CEE CCRs and the MoU signed on 3 March 2016, the Chamber supports the position of Urząd Regulacji Energetyki (Polish NRA), that the infra-day timeframe should also be included in the merger of the CWE and the CEE regions.

2. Do you have comments on the description of the geographical evolution of the CCRs over time, as proposed by all TSOs in Annex 3 to the Explanatory document to the CCRs Proposal?

No.

3. Should the CEE region (or a merged region) include the bidding zone borders between Croatia and Slovenia, between Croatia and Hungary, and between Romania and Hungary?

Yes.

4. Should the CEE region (or a merged region) include a bidding zone border between Germany/Luxembourg and Austria?

Yes.

The Chamber is welcoming every action which would enable to use of the Polish-German interconnectors for the purposes of trade between Polish and German energy markets. Currently the possibility of energy exchange between Polish and German markets is excluded, as a consequence of the situation in which contracts on sale of electricity are concluded, which implementation results in flows of electricity which could not be accommodated by German-Austrian interconnector and have to be accomplished through Polish-German, Polish-Czech, Czech-German and Czech-Austrian interconnectors as unscheduled electricity flows.

The inclusion of a bidding zone border between Germany and Austria, regarding the German-Austrian interconnector as structurally limited and establishing a capacity allocation method on this interconnector may make the trade of electricity between Polish and German markets
possible. For this reason the Chamber strongly supports the position of Urząd Regulacji Energetyki (Polish NRA).

5. Do you have comments on any other new element of development concerning the CCRs Proposal which occurred after public consultation held by ENTSO-E from 24 August to 24 September 2015?

No.

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