

Public Consultation

on

**amendments to the definition of capacity calculation
regions to include Norway**

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Evaluation Report

08 March 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

On 13 October 2022, Transmission System Operators' (TSOs) submitted to the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) their proposals for amending the definition of the Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs) in Europe.

Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs) define the geographic areas (i.e. by listing bidding zone borders) across the EU in which the task of capacity calculation and other processes are coordinated by TSOs (i.e. subject to regional methodologies).

1.2 Purpose and objectives

Any amendments proposed by TSOs to the definition of capacity calculation regions (CCRs) are subject to the approval of ACER.

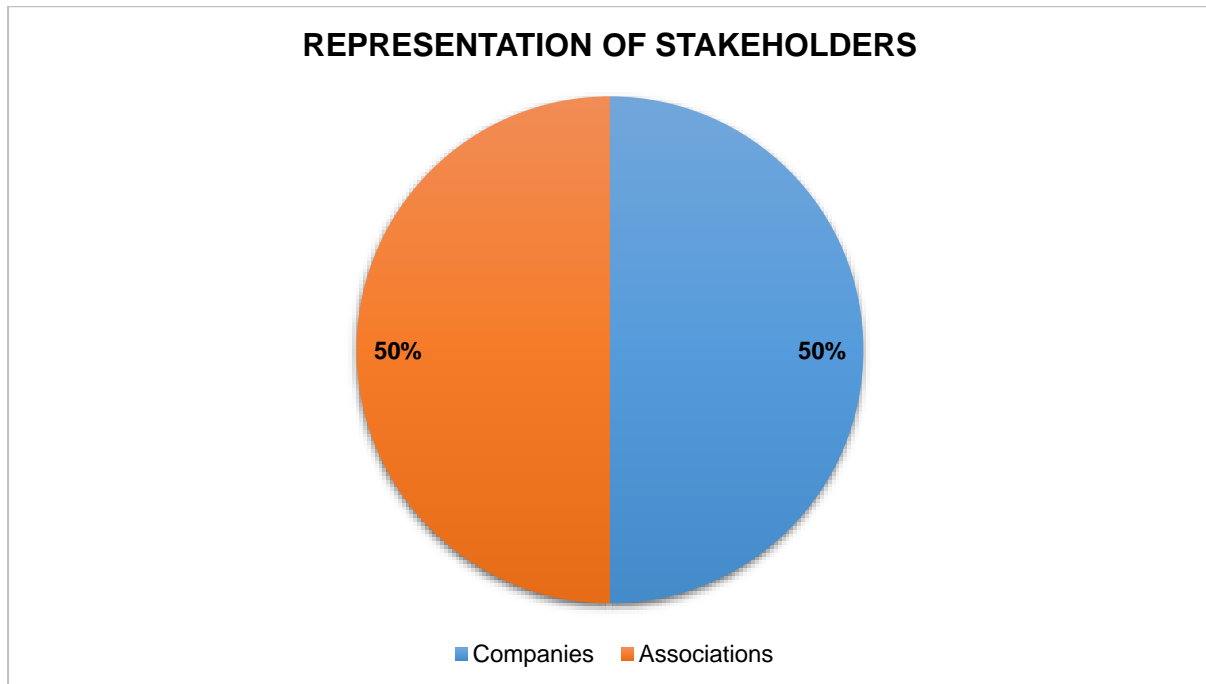
Following the adoption of the CACM Regulation in Norway, the TSOs' propose to add the relevant Norwegian bidding zone borders to the current Hansa and Nordic CCRs. Other parts of the proposal remain unchanged compared to ACER's previous decision 04/2021 on the determination of CCRs.

1.3 Intended users and use

Transmission System Operators (TSOs), electricity industry, traders, regulators, governments and other relevant stakeholder in the EU and EEA

2. STAKEHOLDER ANSWERS

By the end of the consultation period, ACER received comments from 2 respondents.



Respondents' replies	ACER views
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<p>1. Do you have any comments on the proposed amendments (i.e. related to the addition of the Norwegian bidding zone borders to the Nordic and Hansa CCRs)?</p>	
<p>1 respondent (Statkraft Energi AS) fully supported the proposed amendments to include the Norwegian bidding zone borders to the Nordic CCR and Hansa CCR. Statkraft Energi AS emphasized that allocating the Norwegian bidding zones to the relevant CCRs is an important stepping stone to ensure the full implementation of the third energy package in Norway.</p> <p>1 respondent (EFET) agreed with the proposed amendment. EFET also emphasized that the definition of CCRs is an important topic to them, as they expect that the benefit from increased coordination will lead, over time, to more cross-zonal capacity being made available to the market by the TSOs and thus, to deeper integration of European electricity markets.</p>	<p>ACER acknowledges the received comments.</p>
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<p>2. Do you have any comments on other elements of the CCR Proposal? Please always indicate the relevant Article in the CCR Proposal, which your comment refers to.</p>	
<p>EFET presented on a general note that they would suggest a periodic review of the overall delineation of CCRs. EFET mentions that it appears to them that the CCRs of "buffer regions" (i.e. Hansa) should be thought of as temporary, and that these CCRs should be progressively integrated in larger CCRs in the coming years.</p>	<p>While ACER does support gradual merger of CCRs in the future, it deems it important to allow TSOs to exploit all feasible measures to improve the functioning of the internal electricity market in the most efficient way while following the requirements of Regulation (EC) 2019/943 and the CACM Regulation. Therefore, ACER does not deem it necessary to abandon the buffer regions in the current CCR determination.</p>

Annex I: List of Respondents

No.	Name	Organisation	Segment	Country of origin	Confidential
1.	Lorenzo Biglia	EFET – European Federation of Energy Traders	Association	Netherlands	No
2.	Alette Hillestad	Statkraft Energi AS	Energy Company	Norway	No