Approval by Capacity Calculation Region Nordic Regulatory Authorities

of

Capacity Calculation Region Nordic TSO proposal for methodology pursuant to Article 35 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management

14 January 2019
1. Introduction and legal context


This document is intended to constitute the basis on which the CCR Nordic Regulatory Authorities will each subsequently make national decisions pursuant to Regulation 2015/1222 Article 9(7)(c) and Article 9(10) to approve the proposal submitted by the Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of CCR Nordic. The CCR Nordic TSOs are: Fingrid, Svenska Kraftnät, Energinet and Statnett.

The legal provisions relevant to the submission and approval of the proposal, and this CCR Nordic Regulatory Authorities agreed opinion, can be found in Articles 3, 9, 12, and 35 of Regulation 2015/1222. They are set out below for reference:

Article 3 of Regulation 2015/1222:

This Regulation aims at:

(a) promoting effective competition in the generation, trading and supply of electricity;
(b) ensuring optimal use of the transmission infrastructure;
(c) ensuring operational security;
(d) optimising the calculation and allocation of cross-zonal capacity;
(e) ensuring fair and non-discriminatory treatment of TSOs, NEMOs, the Agency, regulatory authorities and market participants;
(f) ensuring and enhancing the transparency and reliability of information;
(g) contributing to the efficient long-term operation and development of the electricity transmission system and electricity sector in the Union;
(h) respecting the need for a fair and orderly market and fair and orderly price formation;
(i) creating a level playing field for NEMOs;
(j) providing non-discriminatory access to cross-zonal capacity.

Article 9 of Regulation 2015/1222:

1. TSOs and NEMOs shall develop the terms and conditions or methodologies required by this Regulation and submit them for approval to the competent regulatory authorities within the respective deadlines set out in this Regulation. Where a proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies pursuant to this Regulation needs to be developed and agreed by more than one TSO or NEMO, the participating TSOs and NEMOs shall closely cooperate. TSOs, with the assistance of ENTSO for Electricity, and all NEMOs shall regularly inform the competent regulatory authorities and the Agency about the progress of developing these terms and conditions or methodologies.

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4. If TSOs or NEMOs fail to submit a proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies to the national regulatory authorities within the deadlines defined in this Regulation, they shall provide the competent regulatory authorities and the Agency with the relevant drafts of the terms and conditions or methodologies, and explain what has prevented an agreement. The Agency shall inform the Commission and shall, in cooperation with the competent regulatory authorities, at the Commission’s request, investigate the reasons for the failure and inform the Commission thereof. The Commission shall take the appropriate steps to make possible the adoption of the required terms and conditions or methodologies within four months from the receipt of the Agency’s information.

5. Each regulatory authority shall approve the terms and conditions or methodologies used to calculate or set out the single day-ahead and intraday coupling developed by TSOs and NEMOs. They shall be responsible for approving the terms and conditions or methodologies referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8.

6. (…)

7. The proposals for the following terms and conditions or methodologies shall be subject to approval by all regulatory authorities of the concerned region
   
   (a) (…)
   
   (b) (…)
   
   (c) the methodology for coordinated redispatching and countertrading in accordance with Article 35(1);
   
   (d) (…)
   
   (e) (…)
   
   (f) (…)
   
   (g) (…)
   
   (h) (…)

8. (…)

9. The proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies shall include a proposed timescale for their implementation and a description of their expected impact on the objectives of this Regulation. Proposals on terms and conditions or methodologies subject to the approval by several or all regulatory authorities shall be submitted to the Agency at the same time that they are submitted to regulatory authorities. Upon request by the competent regulatory authorities, the Agency shall issue an opinion within three months on the proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies.

10. Where the approval of the terms and conditions or methodologies requires a decision by more than one regulatory authority, the competent regulatory authorities shall consult and closely cooperate and coordinate with each other in order reach an agreement. Where applicable, the competent regulatory authorities shall take into account the opinion of the Agency. Regulatory authorities shall take decisions concerning the submitted terms and conditions or methodologies in accordance with paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, within six months following the receipt of the terms and conditions or methodologies by the regulatory authority or, where applicable, by the last regulatory authority concerned.

11. (…)

12. (…)

13. TSOs or NEMOs responsible for developing a proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies or regulatory authorities responsible for their adoption in accordance with paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, may request amendments of these terms and conditions or methodologies. The proposals for amendment to the terms and conditions or methodologies shall be submitted to consultation in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 12 and approved in accordance with the procedure set out in this Article.
14. TSOs and NEMOs responsible for establishing the terms and conditions or methodologies in accordance with this Regulation shall publish them on the internet after approval by the competent regulatory authorities or, if no such approval is required, after their establishment, except where such information is considered as confidential in accordance with Article 13.

Article 12 of Regulation 2015/1222:

1. TSOs and NEMOs responsible for submitting proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies or their amendments in accordance with this Regulation shall consult stakeholders, including the relevant authorities of each Member State, on the draft proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies where explicitly set out in this Regulation. The consultation shall last for a period of not less than one month.

2. The proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies submitted by the TSOs and NEMOs at Union level shall be published and submitted to consultation at Union level. Proposals submitted by the TSOs and NEMOs at regional level shall be submitted to consultation at least at regional level. Parties submitting proposals at bilateral or at multilateral level shall consult at least the Member States concerned.

3. The entities responsible for the proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies shall duly consider the views of stakeholders resulting from the consultations undertaken in accordance with paragraph 1, prior to its submission for regulatory approval if required in accordance with Article 9 or prior to publication in all other cases. In all cases, a clear and robust justification for including or not the views resulting from the consultation shall be developed in the submission and published in a timely manner before or simultaneously with the publication of the proposal for terms and conditions or methodologies.

Article 35 of Regulation 2015/1222:

Coordinated redispatching and countertrading

1. **Within 16 months after the regulatory approval on capacity calculation regions referred to in Article 15, all the TSOs in each capacity calculation region shall develop a proposal for a common methodology for coordinated redispatching and countertrading. The proposal shall be subject to consultation in accordance with Article 12.**

2. **The methodology for coordinated redispatching and countertrading shall include actions of cross-border relevance and shall enable all TSOs in each capacity calculation region to effectively relieve physical congestion irrespective of whether the reasons for the physical congestion fall mainly outside their control area or not. The methodology for coordinated redispatching and countertrading shall address the fact that its application may significantly influence flows outside the TSO’s control area.**

3. **Each TSO may redispatch all available generation units and loads in accordance with the appropriate mechanisms and agreements applicable to its control area, including interconnectors.**

By 26 months after the regulatory approval of capacity calculation regions, all TSOs in each capacity calculation region shall develop a report, subject to consultation in accordance with Article 12, assessing the progressive coordination and harmonisation of those mechanisms and agreements and including proposals. The report shall be submitted to their respective regulatory authorities for their assessment. The proposals in the report shall prevent these mechanisms and agreements from distorting the market.
4. Each TSO shall abstain from unilateral or uncoordinated redispatching and countertrading measures of cross-border relevance. Each TSO shall coordinate the use of redispatching and countertrading resources taking into account their impact on operational security and economic efficiency.

5. The relevant generation units and loads shall give TSOs the prices of redispatching and countertrading before redispatching and countertrading resources are committed.

Pricing of redispatching and countertrading shall be based on:

a. prices in the relevant electricity markets for the relevant time-frame; or

b. the cost of redispatching and countertrading resources calculated transparently on the basis of incurred costs.

6. Generation units and loads shall ex-ante provide all information necessary for calculating the redispatching and countertrading cost to the relevant TSOs. This information shall be shared between the relevant TSOs for redispatching and countertrading purposes only.

II. The CCR Nordic TSO proposal

The proposed method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading was consulted by CCR Nordic TSOs in January 2018 in line with Article 35 and Article 12 of Regulation 2015/1222.

The proposed method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading was received in March 2018 by CCR Nordic Regulatory Authorities together with a separate explanatory document. The proposal included proposed timescales for its implementation and a description of its expected impact on the objectives of Regulation 2015/1222.

Article 9(10) of Regulation 2015/1222 requires Regulatory Authorities of the region, in this case CCR Nordic, to consult and closely cooperate and coordinate with each other in order to reach agreement, and make decisions within six months following receipt of submissions of the last Regulatory Authority concerned.

In September 2018 the CCR Nordic NRAs agreed to request an amendment to the proposed method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading. On this basis each CCR Nordic NRA sent a request for amendment to their respective TSO.

The CCR Nordic NRAs received the amended method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading on 14 November 2018, within the deadline under Article 9(12) of the Regulation 2015/1222.

III. All Regulatory Authority position

The CCR Nordic NRAs are of the opinion that the proposed method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading enables the achievement of the objectives of Article 3 of Regulation 2015/1222.

The CCR Nordic NRAs have reached an agreement that the proposed method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading meet the requirements of Regulation 2015/1222.
IV. Conclusions

All CCR Nordic NRAs along with the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate have assessed, consulted and closely cooperated to reach an agreement that the method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading for CCR Nordic meets the requirements of Regulation 2015/1222 and as such can be approved by All CCR Nordic NRAs.

On the basis of this agreement, each CCR Nordic NRAs will subsequently adopt a decision to approve the amended method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading by 14 January 2019.

Following national decisions taken by each CCR Nordic NRAs, all CCR Nordic TSOs will be required to publish the method for coordinated redispatching and countertrading on the internet in line with Article 9(14) of Regulation 2015/1222.