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Transparency project

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23rd RCC meeting GRI NW

08/03/2012

Transparency Requirements Amended Chapter 3 of Annex 1 of Regulation 715/2009

- **The transparency requirements focus on**

Format

Accessibility ,
frequency and
user-friendliness
of information

Content

Key documents
and information
that must be
published

Scope

Relevant points
where
requirements are
applicable

- **Information relates to**

Technical Information

Technical capacity of flows,
contracted and available
capacity, nominations and re-
nominations, interruptions

Balancing Information

Preliminary imbalance
volumes, day-ahead
forecasts, daily information on
aggregated capacity, and
more



Current GRI NW transparency project (1)

- Proposed by stakeholders at November 2011 GRI NW Stakeholder Group meeting
- Objectives:
 - Monitor compliance of TSOs against the 3rd Package transparency requirements (“Transparency Annex”)
 - Consult the market whether data has been published in appropriate manner
- Rationale:
 - Regional approach could deliver benefits in terms of consistency and efficiency and support enforcement work of relevant authorities



Current GRI NW transparency project (2)

- The 25 TSOs of the North West region were asked to provide their valuation on their own state of compliance against the transparency requirements.
- For this purpose, TSOs were given a questionnaire that checks all the requirements in detail.
- All TSOs have responded and completed the questionnaire.
- The questionnaires are now published on ACER's website, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the findings.
- We will publish conclusions at the end of the consultation period.



Initial thoughts on how to use the received responses

**General comments
for improvements**

- Used to elaborate conclusions report and drafting of summary of responses

**Response to
compliance of a
specific TSO**

- Specific responses will be send to applicable NRA
- Responsibility of NRA to decide what to do next

**Feedback on
summary table**

- Review of comments to understand this in more detail

Initial results (no conclusions are being drawn in this presentation)

- Transparency has improved in recent years, but improvements can be made

(Improvement
of) publishing
historical data

Some information
only available
on portals that
require log-on

Information (usually)
free of charge

Different data
on opposite
sites of an IP

Demand for
standardisation of
data publication

Provide explanatory
note if TSO is aware of
problems with data

Proposed next steps

1. Consultation closed on 20 January
2. Summary of responses and proposal on conclusions to be circulated after Easter
3. Teleconference to discuss proposal
4. Finalisation of conclusions
5. Electronic RCC approval
6. Publish conclusions on ACER website (expected in summer)

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Investment project

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North West Gas Regional Investment Plan

- GRIP published on 21st November 2011 and presented at the last SG meeting - 2 months consultation until 31 January 2012
- Main contents:
 - Supply and demand analysis
 - Mainly based on the EU TYNDP 2011-2020
 - The resilience of the GRI NW gas network is based on the analysis led in the EU 10 YNDP.
 - All supplies potential are significantly higher than the regional peak daily demand. Indication of flexibility constraints on peak day to cover the full demand for the region → No further analysis is provided on these flexibility constraints.
 - Transmission Projects
 - Updated list of FID and non FID projects with their impact on the IPs inside the GRI NW.
 - Same level of data comparing to the EU TYNDP

Other GRIPs

- South GRIP: France, Spain and Portugal
 - Published on 21st November 2011
 - Main contents: demand/supply analysis, network resilience assessment (security of supply and market integration)
 - Work of the SGRI: ongoing public consultation and feedback from the NRAs in March
- Central-Eastern Europe: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Germany
 - Published on 30 January 2012
 - Main contents: demand/supply analysis, network resilience assessment (security of supply and market integration)
- At ACER level: Monitoring report to be published after publication of all GRIPs
 - Focused on consistency with the EU TYNDP and national plans
 - Recommendation on the convergence of the GRIPs
 - The 3 other GRIPs should be published in April-May 2012

Legislative background / ACER role

*TSOs shall establish a **regional cooperation** within ENTSOG. TSOs shall publish a **regional investment plan** every two years, and may take **investment decisions** based on that regional plan (Article 12, Regulation n°715/2009)*

*The Community-wide TYNDP shall build on **national investment plans**, taking into account **regional investment plans** (Article 8 – Regulation n°715/2009)*

Role of ACER

- *The Agency shall **monitor the regional cooperation** of TSOs referred to in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and take due account of the outcome of that cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions.*
- **Deliverables by ACER (Work Programme 2012):**
 - Regional Investment Plans will complete the EU TYNDP → Complementary opinion could be necessary.
 - Recommendations to TSOs, NRAs or other competent bodies based on monitoring the implementation of Community-wide Network Development Plan and investigation of reasons for inconsistencies with the national/regional Ten-Year Network development Plans.

Latest discussions with the TSOs

- Telco with Fluxys on 27.02.2012 – main points discussed:
 - Feedback from stakeholders
 - Presentation of the GRIP at the Gas Coordination Group
 - Question on the link with SoS? Could be more deeply addressed in the next GRIP
 - One response on the consultation from EFET :
 - Investment decisions should be based on the market.
 - Recent discussions among the TSOs for the next GRIP:
 - Synchronization of the publication of the GRIP with the EU TYNDP (February 2013 for the EU TYNDP).
 - Use the EU TYNDP process for data collection and simulations (with more details for the regional work)

Preliminary RCC analysis of the GRIP

Positive acknowledgment

- Updated database for demand and supply projections and for the list of FID – non FID projects in the region with a focus on IPs
- Identification of the appropriate IPs influenced by TSOs projects
- Represents an additional opportunity for the TSOs to foster their coordination on investment needs at IPs
- The RCC welcomes the public consultation process
- Learning by doing process

Preliminary thoughts from RCC on the GRIP Room for improvements 1/2

- In ACER opinion on the EU TYNDP: need for the GRIP to contribute to higher consistency between national and EU TYNDP
- Deeper understanding of cross-border congestions:
 - In the EU TYNDP 2011-2020, cross-border congestions were identified in the reference scenario in Denmark-Sweden and Luxembourg and in France in the market integration scenario
 - No additional details are given in the GRIP on these potential congestions and their potential remedies
- Include a modelling exercise in order to simulate the resilience of the system in situations of disruptions or to evaluate market integration
 - Resilience analysis taking more into account national specificities (more than it is possible to do at a EU level)
- More infrastructure-based analysis

Preliminary thoughts from RCC on the GRIP Room for improvements 2/2

- Improve the interaction with stakeholders
 - Regional level could be more adapted to gather stakeholders views about concrete investment needs
 - Stakeholders involvement since the beginning of the process (not only after the publication) in order to obtain efficient results and take into account market expectations
 - Proposal of a 2 steps dialogue structured in the framework of SG meetings or specific workshops organized at GRI NW level
 - Early dialogue between TSOs, NRAs and stakeholders in order to evaluate cross-border bottlenecks and capacity requests
 - Ex-post analysis of TSOs proposals before the publication

Next steps

- Proposal of drafting a letter to Fluxys with RCC feedback on the GRIP.
 - 16 March: Letter to be circulated to RCC including discussions with TSOs during IG
 - 27 March: deadline for RCC comments with a consistency check by NRAs between national investment plans and GRIPs
 - 30 March: Letter to be sent to Fluxys
- April: Telco with TSOs – RCC on RCC feedback to discuss way forward

Update on the deliverable “monitoring the OS between France and Luxembourg”

- Open season to increase firm capacity from France to Luxembourg
 - Coordinated process between the TSOs (CREOS and GRTgaz) and the regulators (CRE and ILR)
 - Two possible scenarios: 9 GWh/d or 40 GWh/d available in 2015
 - Non-binding phase launched at the SG meeting (26 Nov.2010) – ended 31 January 2011
 - Adjustments of the binding phase to be launched in 2012
 - Changes of initial projections due to the evolution of the gas market in Luxembourg
- Aim of the project:
 - Outcome of discussions synthesized in a short paper in order to share the lessons from this process, in terms of coordination, allocation rules (joint allocation office), transparency etc...
 - Feed the discussions on the European level: revision of the GGPOS

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Pre-comitology meetings

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Provide early understanding to ensure efficient comitology process



- **Defined principles and rules**
- **Impact on energy market**
- **Stakeholders point of view**

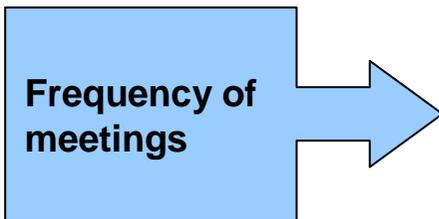


The 3-year work plan sets the agenda for the pre-comitology meetings

Principles in Guidelines and network codes are explained and opinions communicated

Pre-comitology takes place between MS, NRAs and TSOs during Government meeting

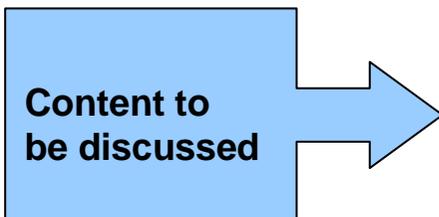
Proposal for enhancement of the pre-comitology meetings



- Two fixed meetings (Government meetings)
- Two optional meetings (on a need to have basis)



- Optional meetings take place “back-to-back” with RCC
- Six weeks before optional meeting, go/ no go decision



- In initial stage, more general discussion on scope
- In final stage, only sticky issues or highly debated topics

Next steps

1. Feedback of RCC on proposal
2. Revisement of proposal (if needed)
3. Discussion of proposal during upcoming Government meeting (April 2012)