

**20<sup>th</sup> Regional Coordination Committee Meeting**  
**GAS REGIONAL INITIATIVE – SOUTH SOUTH-EAST**

Milan, 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2012, 16:00 -17:00

AEEG premises, Piazza Cavour 5, 20125, Milan

**Draft Minutes**

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## 1. Opening

**Mrs. Carnevalini** welcomed the attendees. The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> RCC meeting were approved as well as the agenda of the 20<sup>th</sup> RCC meeting.

## 2. Updates

**Mr. Osrajnik** informed on the last developments in **Slovenia**. He reported first, that the relevant legislative rules for the implementation of the entry-exit system are still under development. The new entry-exit model is expected to be operative as of 1 January 2013. Second, he announced that the Energy Agency will be responsible for the security of supply of the country pursuant to Regulation No 994/2010. The relative legislation should be issued in the future. For the time being emergency plans are under consideration.

**Mr. Ischia** from **E-Control** reported first on the progress made by the pilot project for bundled capacity allocation at Arnoldstein/Tarvisio IP. He explained that following the consultation on the joint guidelines there are still some points to be decided upon, *inter alia*, whether the clearing price or the reserve price should be granted to shippers. He also reminded some of the results of the consultation on this point, for instance that according to some market participants arrangements maintaining incentives to offer unused capacity on the secondary market should be supported and that it should be avoided that shippers are given incentives to book capacity in excess of their needs, based on the fact that, by selling it day-ahead, they could earn extra-profit. Mr. Ischia also

pointed out that the success of the allocation of bundled products at the IP of Arnoldstein/Tarvisio will be also dependent on the well-functioning of the European Joint Capacity Platform which both TAG and recently Snam have joined. Moreover, OBA will be discussed upon by AEEG and E-Control in view of its implementation at the beginning of Q1 2013. Additionally, Ms Széles briefly reported on the study carried out by E-Control together with other sponsors (NET4GAS, eustream, and CEGH) on the creation of a trading region encompassing Austria, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. Finally, an update on the South stream pipeline project was given too. Gazprom will start the offshore construction of the pipeline across the Black Sea. Onshore pipes will run through Serbia, Hungary, and Slovenia towards Northern Italy. The companies which will contribute to the construction of the offshore part of the pipeline are ENI, BASF and EDF. It is not yet clear how the capacity of the pipeline will be shared among those companies.

**Mrs Lo Nardo** from **AEEG** gave an update on the main developments occurred in Italy in the course of the year. First, it was reported on the obligation imposed upon ENI S.p.A. to unbundle the ownership of Snam S.p.A. no later than 25 September 2013 pursuant to a ministerial decree implementing law decree 1/2012. ENI S.p.A. already sold to Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A its 30% stake less one share in Snam S.p.A. whilst its remaining shares will be sold to investors in the following months. Second, it was reported that AEEG is currently working on a draft opinion relating to TAP<sup>1</sup>'s request for an exemption from (i) the requirement of third party access, (ii) the relevant provisions relating to regulated tariffs and (iii) Article 9 (on unbundling rules) of the Gas Directive for the duration of the exemption. Third, participants were informed that in October 2012 the Ministry for Economic Development launched a public consultation on the document setting the National Energy Strategy the main objectives thereof are the reduction of the energy costs, the attainment of all the European targets with respect to the environment, greater security of supply and industrial development in the energy sector by 2020. **Mrs Carnevalini** also pointed out that a public consultation is currently ongoing on the review of the calculation formula for the raw material component of gas reference prices to households and small undertakings.

### **3. Report from ACER coordination meetings and CAM early implementation**

**Mrs. Carnevalini** reminded the conclusions of the XXII Madrid Forum (2-3 October 2012) underlying, in particular, the endorsement provided by the Forum to TSOs and NRAs' decisions to early implement the Capacity Allocation Mechanism Network Code ("CAM NC") and develop a Roadmap to this purpose. Additionally, reference was made to the mandate conferred to ACER and ENTSOG to favour the convergence of the ongoing projects as well as to report on progress of CAM implementation at its next sessions. Afterwards, Mrs Carnevalini, described briefly the Roadmap consisting of two parts. The first one describes the governing rules of pilot projects' implementation (i.e. how all parties involved in the Roadmap will relate and communicate among one other in order to oversee and facilitate a smooth implementation of such projects) whilst the second, illustrates the implementation's timeline of each pilot project coupled with a description of the network codes provisions which will be contextually implemented by those projects and a review of the main implementation challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trans Adriatic Pipeline ("TAP") is a major new transit project that will source gas from Caspian reserves and will facilitate the transportation of gas produced in the Shah Deniz field to Italy and other European gas markets. The TAP project is being developed by a consortium of three major European energy players with established track records: Statoil ASA, EGL AG and E.ON Ruhrgas AG.

**Mr Cariello** from **AEEG** started discussions with **Mr. Osrajnik** to check whether in the future it will be possible to develop together with the **Slovenian Energy Agency** a pilot project for CAM NC early implementation at Gorizia interconnection point.

**Ms Széles** from **E-Control**, observed that although the ACER RI Status Review mentions the possibility to develop in the future Roadmaps for the early implementation of other Network Codes such as those for balancing and interoperability, this was not discussed and decided yet among regulators and should not therefore be stated in a public document. Moreover, she also expressed Lead Regulators' preference (as it was discussed in previous GRI coordination meetings) for half yearly reporting in replacement of the current Quarterly Reports.

#### **4. AOB and Next meetings**

The next RCC meeting will take place in Vienna at spring time. The exact date will be communicated later.