

North West – 24th RCC

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1. Welcome and approval of the agenda and approval of minutes 23rd RCC-meeting

On behalf of NMa, Menno van Liere welcomed all participants and explained that a representative from CREG had registered to participate in the meeting but – due to train problems – was unfortunately not in the position to attend the meeting. It was also mentioned that the RCC meeting will be relatively short and that most of the day will be used for the kick-off meeting for the implicit allocation project. Following these announcements, the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the previous RCC-meeting (March 2012) were approved.

Decisions agreed:

- The draft minutes of the 23rd RCC-meeting and the draft agenda for this meeting were approved.

2. Update on current projects

2.1 GRI NW Transparency project

Programme Office provided an update on the Transparency project. In this matter, it was explained that ACER – following the request of the Madrid Forum in March 2012 – will monitor the Transparency requirements in the third package (Annex I of the regulation) on a European level. Given the fact that ACER will also draft a conclusions report that will be presented (following a public workshop) to the Madrid Forum in October 2012, it was concluded in an earlier stage that there would little merit in elaborating a regional conclusions report as well. As such, Ofgem – as project leader – has send all stakeholders responses that the RCC received during the consultation period to ACER. Both these responses, as well as the compliance templates for each TSO, will be used to draft the conclusions report.

Programme Office emphasized that it was agreed upon that ACER will not contact individual TSOs if stakeholders have indicated in their response that a TSO is either not compliant to the Transparency requirements or if specific suggestions for improvement were made to an individual TSO (this should be done by the national NRA). Now that the RCC will not draft a regional conclusions report – as was originally intended – the project within GRI NW is finalized and only work on national level – if the stakeholders responses provided a reason for this – is left.

Programme Office explained that ACER staff will elaborate the conclusions report and that it is expected that the NRA cooperation officer will be responsible for the drafting process. In this matter, it was also mentioned that the European Commission would like to see that ACER finalizes the monitoring in the short run and in this matter ACER is under pressure to ensure that the conclusions report will be presented to the Madrid Forum in October 2012. It was agreed upon with ACER that the RCC will be informed on progress made in the drafting of the conclusions document and that regulators can provide feedback. The precise way to do so will be determined in a later stage.

Decisions agreed:

N/A.

2.2 GRI NW Investment project

CRE – as project leader – provided an update on the (recent) developments on the GRIP. In this matter, it was explained that the RCC recommendations on the GRIP for the GRI NW region were sent to the TSOs at the end of April and that a positive response was received from Fluxys (the coordinator of the GRIP for our region). Following a question, CRE emphasized that the third package does not state that there is an obligation for NRAs to monitor the GRIP and therefore TSOs are not obliged to take on board the RCC recommendations. However, although it remains to be seen to what extent the recommendations will be taken on board, TSOs are more than willing to further discuss – in an open dialogue – the recommendations made by the RCC. CRE also explained that Fluxys did mention that before any adjustments to the GRIP will be made, TSOs will first wait until more clarity exists what the TYNDP will be about (in terms of content) and what this means (in terms of impact) for the GRIP of our region. As these discussions will take place after the summer, it is not expected that the TSOs will revise the GRIP shortly. In this matter, the RCC can only “sit tight” and in the meantime (until the proposed new GRIP for 2013 will be discussed with the TSOs) CRE will remain in touch with Fluxys to understand when (and how) the GRIP will be revised. It was also mentioned that CRE – as a participator in the South region – can share the lessons learned in that region on the GRIP with Fluxys, so that these could be applied in the GRIP for our region.

Given the fact that the TSOs will not make any changes to the GRIP before September 2012, it was concluded that there will be little to be discussed – at least with regard to the GRIP – at the next RCC and IG meeting that is planned for the beginning of September. Also, it was mentioned that it would be good to have an opportunity before the upcoming Stakeholder Group meeting to discuss the GRIP in more detail with TSOs. This would also provide stakeholders who participate in the IG meeting the opportunity to provide input. Given these reasons and the fact that the RCC position paper on implicit allocation will not be finalized before the next RCC and IG meeting, this meeting will be rescheduled.

Decisions agreed:

- CRE will remain in contact with Fluxys to monitor the (further development of the) GRIP;
- The RCC and IG meeting (scheduled for the beginning of September) will be rescheduled so that the revised GRIP can be discussed with TSOs before the upcoming Stakeholder Group meeting.

2.3 Pre-comitology meetings

Programme Office explained that three pre-comitology meetings have taken place since it was agreed upon with Member States to organize these meetings. During the last pre-comitology meeting, it was concluded that the suggested changes that were made as to further improve the efficiency of the meetings were welcomed by Member States. As such, there will be two fixed pre-comitology meetings and two optional meetings each year, while there will also be focus on monitoring the implementation of network codes (and possibly identifying regional solutions if a network codes allow this) once the first network code has been approved. The next pre-comitology meeting will take place on Thursday 22 November in Copenhagen. Given the recent progress made in drafting Framework Guidelines and network codes, it was questioned whether there would be a merit to organize an optional meeting in September. In this matter, it was concluded that this for a large extend depends on whether the Framework Guidelines on Interoperability and Tariff structures will be approved (either for consultation or as a finalized document). Also, the extent that the network code on CAM will be revised by ENTSOG should be taken into account in answering this question. Programme Office will decide during the summer whether an optional pre-comitology meeting should take place (and when this meeting should take place).

Decisions agreed:

- N/A.

3. Update on booking platform for CAM

Programme Office explained that 16 TSOs of five countries have signed (some months ago) a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a (regional) booking platform for CAM. To inform the RCC on progress made in the development of this platform, Programme Office contacted the TSOs for an update, but – probably due to the summer time – did not timely receive an answer. As such, no official update can be provided, but to the understanding of Programme Office the TSOs are in the process of discussing what the platform should look like and how it will be organized. Once these decisions have been taken (and a formal organization that will be responsible for the platform has been founded), it is expected that other TSOs can also join the platform. During an upcoming meeting between ACER – ENTSOG – European Commission and (lead) regulators the TSOs will provide an update of progress made and several pilot projects on CAM that have been launched in our region will also be explained.

Although not scheduled as an agenda point, Programme Office explained that several projects within GRI NW are now either finalized (Transparency) or well underway and “on hold” (GRIP). As such, only the implicit allocation project is currently – next to the pre-comitology meetings – an active project for the RCC. In this matter, Programme Office invited all NRAs to explore to what extent GRI NW should start new projects (in the fall of 2012). It was concluded that each NRA will take this question back home, Programme Office will come back to the work plan in the summer.

Decisions agreed:

- N/A.

4. Next meeting

The next RCC meeting (with an IG meeting back-to-back) is scheduled for the beginning of September. However, as already mentioned this meeting will be rescheduled by Programme Office and is likely to take place in October. The next Stakeholder Group meeting will take place on 22 and 23 November in Copenhagen.

Decisions agreed:

- N/A.