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● Minimum Transparency Requirements

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● Structure of the presentation

- Commission's view on 'Minimum Transparency Requirements' as presented in the Madrid Forum
 - » Current transparency requirements in Regulation 1775/2005
 - » Issues to be clarified
- Questions to stakeholders on costs and benefits
- Conclusions

● Madrid Forum XV

6. The Commission thanks EFET, OGP, Eurogas, Eurelectric, CEDEC and GEODE for their list of minimum transparency requirements which shows the need to enforce existing transparency requirements, on one side, and the need to further develop the Regulation in this respect, on the other side. IFIEC stated it also agrees with the list of minimum transparency requirements. These Associations, together with ERGEG, ask that these minimum requirements are made binding. The Commission will analyse the list and the need to make it binding.
7. The Forum agreed that TSOs can already provide the information asked for in the list of minimum transparency requirements on a voluntary basis. GTE stated that TSOs will work on this in particular by organising a workshop in early 2009, but that they have to be allowed to recover the costs. ERGEG stated that national regulatory authorities should allow TSOs to recover these costs as they are minor. At the same time, TSO will focus implementation on those requirements which demonstrably do not involve additional costs. ERGEG and GTE are asked to report on progress at the next Madrid Forum, in particular to ensure that cost of publication of information can be recovered.

● Commission analysis – transparency requirements need to be strengthened

- Access to and format of data
 - » Real-time updates
- Granularity of capacity
 - » availability and historic data
- Relevant points
 - » All entry and exit points
 - » Connecting to hubs, storages, production facilities
 - » Connecting balancing zones
- Gas quality and pressure
 - » Interruptions, conversion services

● Commission analysis - differences

- Transmission capacity
 - » Daily <-> smallest balancing and settlement period
 - » Daily aggregate day-ahead nominations for first gate closure - 30 minutes after gate closes
- Agreed Baseline Capacity (min. of firm capacity offered to the market) - real time if changes occur
- Balancing and related
 - » Balancing costs and actions
 - » Balancing status of network users
 - » Reflect level of information of TSO and settlement period for calculation of imbalance charges
- Daily aggregated forecast
- TSO – interconnection point agreements

● Commission analysis – differences

- Publication in consistent units of Energy (MWh)
- Daily actual measured values of Gas Quality Parameters - ex post, D+3
- Daily Maintenance Schedules and Planned Outage Periods as soon as planned
- Linepack – only if offered for third party access?
- Web-based Booking and Nomination System on a secure website

● Questions for stakeholders 1(6)

Form of publication:

- On a website accessible to the public
- In consistent units,
- In English
- etc.

Questions:

- IT-cost of the publication
- Capex vs. Opex
- Translation costs
- Possible to quantify the benefit for systems users

● Questions for stakeholders 2(6)

Gas quality:

- Full specification, pressure requirements for all relevant points
- Capacities and cost for services (blending, ballasting and conversion)
- Off spec. gas, emergency mechanisms, liability rules and costs and penalties

Questions:

- Extra costs of providing the information on quality, services and liability?
- Maximum level of delay in publishing the information from the market actor point of view?
- Possibility to quantify the benefit for shippers and the market?

● Questions for stakeholders 3(6)

Transmission capacity:

- Situation daily/hourly (smallest ref. period for booking)
- Nominated, all capacity offered to the market
- Where linepack --> daily aggregate forecasts

Questions:

- Cost of
 - » publishing on periods equal to the smallest reference period for capacity booking + the settlement period for imbalance charges?
 - » cost of keeping up to date in "real time"?
 - » daily aggregate linepack forecasts?
- Benefit for the of using smallest reference and settlement period?

● Questions for stakeholders 4(6)

Gas Flows:

- Daily flows ex posts +1D, historical data

Questions:

- Value of monthly vs. daily vs. hourly historical information?
- Estimate of the initial cost of publishing information concerning
 - » gas flows on an ex post basis
 - » historic gas flows including interruptions
 - » capacity users allocation information on its flows?
- In which way does the data help the market actors?

● Questions for stakeholders 5(6)

Balancing and related:

- Exit points, balancing zones, congested points
- Agreements and methods used between TSO's
- Tariffs structure, methodology
- Preliminary imbalance data/shipper +1M after BP

Questions:

- Increasing the publication of exit points and zones 50 > 100 %?
- Quantify the benefit for the market on agreements, tariffs structure, imbalance data etc?

● Questions for stakeholders 6(6)

Conclusion:

- The Commission is in general interested in your experts views on the costs and benefits, so try to be as specific as you can.
- If there is an alternative piece of information to that specified in the requirements that you believe would be more useful for the system users you are operating in, please provide an explanation.

Thank you for your attention!