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GIE Response

Monitoring of Investment in Energy Infrastructures at EU Level – Consultation on the Revision of Council Regulation No 736/96

Matthias Ruete, Director General DG TREN, asked GIE by letter of 24.2.2009 for a reaction on the proposal for developing a new monitoring mechanism for investments into gas infrastructure. Further clarification on the proposals was received in a meeting between Christine Berg, Head of Unit Market Observatory for Energy, David Blanchard, Market Observatory for Energy and GIE on 9.3.2009.

GIE welcomes the opportunity to input into the development of a new monitoring mechanism for investments in gas infrastructure. GIE is going to publish its response to the consultation on the Green Paper towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Energy Network by the end of March 2009. As that response is going to cover the more general policy questions, GIE would like to focus this response to the more specific questions in Section C “Questions related to reporting” (questions 6 to 9).

Question 6, Information content

GIE currently publishes the following investment information that are of interest for industry/investors:

- GTE published a Capacity Development Report in November 2008 and is working on further reports up to a fully featured European Ten Year Statement by the end of 2009
- GSE publishes and regularly updates an investment database on storage projects completed by a storage map

The GSE Investment Database (launched mid 2007) provides greater visibility on storage projects and allows the interested parties to monitor and assess storage development in Europe, in the context of both the development of a competitive storage market and security of supply.

- GLE publishes and will regularly update an investment database on LNG regasification terminals completed by an LNG map.

The following main information is currently published on the development of the **gas transmission system**:

- TSO and name of entry or exit point
- Yearly figures on the capacity for each of the next ten years (final investment decision taken)
- Description of major projects for which the final investment decision has been taken as well as a description of major projects in earlier project states

The following main information is currently published in the **storage investment database**:

- Location, project developer, name and type of facility



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- Type of investment (new facility, expansion)
- Expected storage capacity
- Expected date of commissioning
- Status (planned, committed, under construction, live including date)

The following information is currently published in the **LNG regasification terminal investment database**:

- Location, project developer, name and type of facility
- Access regime
- Type of facility (on-shore, off-shore)
- Type of investment (new, expansion)
- Status (planned, committed, under construction, live including date)
- Send-out capacity, storage capacity, number LNG tanks (future and in case of an expansion current)

Question 7, Frequency of reporting

Both, annual reporting or reporting every two years would be possible.

With respect to the gas transmission system development it should be noted that the draft Third Energy Package foresees the development of a European Ten Year Investment Plan and Regional Ten Year Investment Plans every two years.

Question 8, Industry Involvement, Administrative Costs

In order to support the monitoring on the European level, GIE members are prepared to send the information described above to the respective national authority (should they not already do so) for submission to the EU Commission and/or directly to the EU Commission. In case an efficient process for this submission should be defined and the required information is limited to the details described above the additional administrative costs could be considered as low.

GIE would be happy to provide more specific information on administrative costs should the consultation process result in the requirement of additional information and should the additional information content including form of submission have been specified in more detail.

Question 9, Confidentiality

The information described above is public. There may be some information (e.g. transmission capacity at entry or exit points) for which infrastructure operators are obliged to confidentiality). This information can be made available on a confidential basis in line with the respective legal rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should there be any further questions.