Press Release

ENTSOG publishes Launch Documentation for the development of a Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules – stakeholder participation essential

On 11 September 2012 the European Commission invited ENTSOG to develop a Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules for European Gas Transmission Networks. The objective is to publish and submit a Network Code that is in line with the Framework Guideline and contributes to the European objective of further developing the internal market for energy. ENTSOG has been given until 11 September 2013 to deliver this Network Code.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG's General Manager said: "This is the third Network Code we've been asked to deliver. The Network Code development process that we have been following up to now has been notable for the high level of participation from all areas of the industry. Today we have published on our website the Launch Documentation, a key document for Stakeholders' involvement http://www.entsog.eu/publications/interoperability.html."

Michel Van den Brande, ENTSOG's Interoperability Subject Manager, said: "A key step in the development process of the Network Code is the release of Launch Documentation which is intended to provide a foundation for discussions and the development activity that will be held during the subsequent interactive Network Code development process. For each issue, identified in ACER's Framework Guideline, the following information is included in the Launch Documentation:

Framework Guidelines (quoted relevant text)
ENTSOG's views/current situation/examples
Policy options
Questions for Stakeholders' input.

As from November 2012, we will lead Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions covering a whole range of issues involving industry participants in which ideas for the detail of the Network Code will be shared and discussed. We look forward to working together with all Stakeholders in the Network Code development process."

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Notes to Editors

- In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task to elaborate network codes in a number of areas, including interoperability and data exchange rules.
- The Launch Documentation, together with details of ENTSOG's other work, can be found at: http://www.entsog.eu/publications/interoperability.html.
- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members and 2 Associated Partners from 24 EU countries, and 3 Observers from 3 non-EU countries.
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