

Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts position on the European Commission's proposal for Transparency Guidelines

In accordance with its Articles of Association, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas adopted a Resolution on the Addendum to its Position on the Commission's proposal for Transparency Guidelines. Transparency is one of the three guiding principles of the energy market liberalisation process, and TSOs have contributed to increased transparency through various voluntary initiatives, most notably the Transparency Platform (www.gas-roads.eu).

Taking into consideration that voluntary transparency initiatives may not always achieve the best result due to uncovered implementation costs or other regulatory hurdles, ENTSOG supports the proposal for Transparency Guidelines issued by the European Commission in November 2009. Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President said: "TSOs understand the ever-increasing pressure for more transparency from the stakeholders and welcome the opportunity to be able to contribute to the relevant discussion on the issue in the light of achieving consistency and clarity in the implementation of these additional transparency obligations while also aiming at the most effective way taking into consideration the national specificities."

The adopted Addendum is to be considered along the ENTSOG position on the Commission's proposal for Transparency Guidelines adopted on 24 February 2010. Both documents are available at ENTSOG website under the Publications section (www.entsog.eu).

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Notes to Editors

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 ahead of the applicability of Regulation (EC) 715/2009 which foresees its establishment. ENTSOG is based in Brussels and initially comprises 31 members from 21 countries.