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AGENDA

Please note all sections (other than the Welcome) will allow time for open discussion

No.	Description	Presenter	Time
	Registration and pre-workshop coffee		from 10:00
0.	ENTSOG welcome	N. Sisman, ENTSOG	10:30-10:35
1.	Public consultation	T. Gerus, ENTSOG	10:35-11:00
	Response analysis	,	
	 Issue identification and resolution 		
2.	Initial ACER reaction to Draft Code	K. Keyserlingk, ACER	11:00-11:30
	 Clarifications and initial questions 	, ,	
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3.	Content issue analysis and preliminary views	R. van der Meer, ENTSOG	11:30-12:45
	Chapter II. Balancing System	Markus Sammut,	
	Chapter III. Cross-border Cooperation	NetConnect Germany	
	Chapter IV. Operational Balancing; Release of	,	
	Flexible Gas (as interim measure)		
	Lunch		12:45-13:30
4.	Content issue analysis and preliminary views	Noel Regan, ENTSOG	13:30-15:15
	 Chapter V. Nominations 	Julien Quainon, GRTgaz	
	 Chapter VII. Daily Imbalance Charges; Tolerances 	Markus Sammut,	
	(as interim measure)	NetConnect Germany	
	 Chapter VIII. Neutrality Arrangements 		
	 Chapter IX. Information Provision 		
	 Chapter X. Linepack Flexibility Service 		
	Coffee break		15:15-15:30
-	Content issue, analysis and preliminary views	D von der Meer ENTSOC	15:20 16:00
5.	Content issue analysis and preliminary views	R. van der Meer, ENTSOG	15:30-16:00
	Chapter VI. Within-day obligations		
6.	Next steps	T. Gerus, ENTSOG	16:00-16:15
	Analysis of Decision document		
	Timeline to Refined Code delivery		
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7.	Conclusions	N. Sisman, ENTSOG	16:15-16:30
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Report on public consultation on Draft Code on Balancing

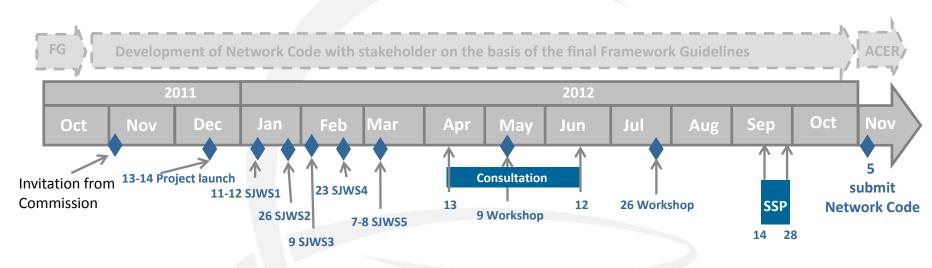
Refinement Workshop

Tori Gerus

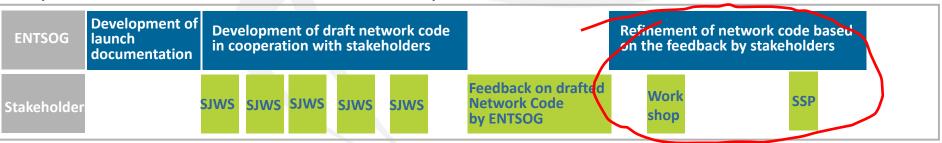
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Brussels - 26 July 2012

BAL NC refinement phase: 13 June - 4 Nov.



Main phases of activities of ENTSOG and stakeholders in BAL NC process



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Public Consultation: 13 Apr - 12 June 2012



Supporting Document for Public Consultation on Draft Code BAL241-12

Supporting Document for Public Consultation on the Draft Code on Balancing





Draft Code on Balancing for Consultation BAL300-12 13 April 2012

Draft Code on Gas Balancing

in Transmission Systems

An ENTSOG Draft Network Code for Public Consultation

Approved by the ENTSOG Board on 12 April 2012



Responses by Type of stakeholder





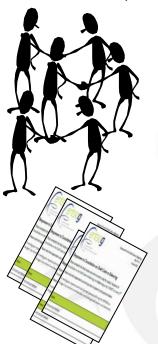
Response count by chapter and question

	Chapter	Q#	No. of responses		Chapter	Q#	No. of responses
Ш	BALANCING SYSTEM	1	38	VIII	NEUTRALITY ARRANGEMENTS	30	38
		2	37			31	34
Ш	CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION	3	38			32	33
		4	41			33	36
IV	OPERATIONAL BALANCING	5	39			34	26
		6	38			35	30
		7	41			36	34
		8	40	IX	INFORMATION PROVISION	37	36
		9	36			38	40
		10	36			39	42
		11	30			40	38
		12	40			41	36
		13	39			42	38
		14	37	X	LINEPACK FLEXIBILITY SERVICE	43	35
٧	NOMINATIONS	15	37	XI	IMPLEMENTATION, INTERIM MEASURES	44	27
		16	36			45	25
		17	37			46	30
		18	36			47	30
VI	DAILY IMBALANCE CHARGES	19	38			48	26
		20	40			49	31
		21	40			50	28
		22	36			51	27
		23	41			52	28
		24	35			53	31
VII	WITHIN-DAY OBLIGATIONS	25	40			54	28
		26	34		GENERAL ISSUES	55	20
		27	36			56	26
		28	34			57	37
		29	35				



FROM responses TO question files ILLUSTRATIVE

Project team members + WG volunteers (see below)



Member/WG member volunteers

- Stephan Alaerds, NetConnect Germany
- Sandrie Egberts, GTS
- Lorenzo Nicolosi, SNAM
- Julien Quainon, GRTGaz
- Chris Shanley, National Grid
- José Vega Aguado, Enagas
- Stefan Wacholz, Thyssengas

CHAPTER II. BALANCING SYSTEM

Question 1 - Do you concur that the implementation of a Virtual Trading Point via the inclusion of the Trade Notification and Allocation rules in the Balancing Network Code will contribute to the delivery of a properly functioning market? If not, please propose an alternative and provide justification.

Stakeholder: AFG (French Gas Assoc.)

Response: Yes

Stakeholder: ANIGAS

Response: None

Stakeholder: BBL Company

Response: None

Stakeholder: BP Gas Marketing

Response: Yes. A virtual trading point is a vital component of any balancing regime.

Stakeholder: CEDEC

Response: None

Stakeholder: Centrica Plc

Response: Yes. This is essential for the development of a properly functioning market

Stakeholder: DEPA S.A.

Response: If 'harmonisation' refers to a strong dependence of allocations on nominations and specifically the equality of quantities nominated and allocated, we strongly agree, on grounds of (a) nominating parties actually needing the nominated quantities without deviation, (b) any deviation actually arising in practice after allocation needing to be visible and be charged for as an imbalance.

Stakeholder: Direct Enegie

Response: Direct Energie agrees

Stakeholder: EconGas

Response: In markets without existing entry/exit system some kind of trading mechanism is needed to fulfil the obligations of the NC BAL. The questions remains if such a system is needed in markets with an already established VTP in which such a Trade Notification system seems only as an additional burden for the shippers without any advantage.



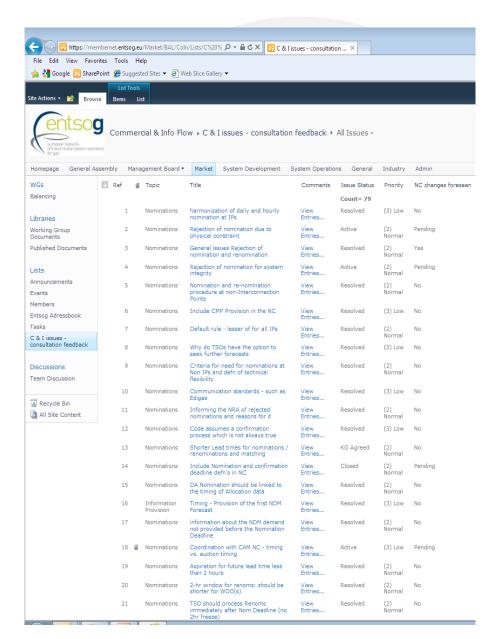
FROM question files TO common themes

Question: 47	Do you agree that the tolerance used should be a price based tolerance? If not please explain your rationale and provide your preferred approach	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
No of respondents	30						
In favour	Most	nce quantity a part of the rces of ack of short le gas in some ance t be linked to TSO. If the					
Opposition	EDP Group: tolerance levels should not be considerate in the imbalance quantity and it should not be cashed out Energie Nederlands: no tolerances at all GasTerra: local discretion, i.e., no harmonisation Direct Energie: favour carry-over tolerances (as it exists in France for a part of the imbalance)						
Alternatives	Eurogas: Tolerances based on:						
Positions and Rationale	Theme 1: price-based tolerances as an interim step Respondents: BP, EFET, Poweo, PGNiG, others Describe theme: tolerances can't apply when information (and flexible gas in some responses) is ok Rationale for arguments: - interim step but not the target - NUs should be settled based on WAP for the day when imbalance occurred (with certain tolerance). The level of tolerance must be linked to the quality of information on network flows, provided by the TSO. If the quality of the data transmitted deteriorates, the level of tolerance must be increased. Evidence provided yes/no: NO Theme 2: obligation to offer tolerances Respondents: 1 (Vattenfall) Describe issue: if there is no flexible gas or liquidity, or a lack of info, tolerances have to (and not may) be offered Rationale for arguments: no way to know the imbalance or no remedy Evidence provided yes/no: NO Theme3: carry-over tolerances Respondents: 1 (Direct Energie) Describe issue: Direct Energie would prefer a system with carry-over tolerances,						
	which is to cost-efficient. If tolerances are price based, the tolerance should take into account the difference between NDM forecast and NDM allocation. Rationale for arguments: competition for small users Evidence provided yes/no: cost-efficiency						

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FROM common themes TO issues

ILLUSTRATIVE



ENTSOG identified key issues in response

	Chapter	Q#	Count	Position	Issues raised
Ш	BALANCING SYSTEM				
	VTP and Trade Notifications	1	38		8
	Sufficient harmonisation	2	37		
Ш	CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION				
	Report on harmonisation progress	3	38		6
	Report on CBC	4	41		
IV	OPERATIONAL BALANCING				
	TSO trading in adjacent markets	5	39		
	economic and efficient' criterion	6	38		
	Short-term standardised products	7	41		
	Exchanged-based trading and TPO	8	40		
	Services provided on Trading Platform	9	36		35
	Contractual structure	10	36		
	Originating Party obligation to (re)nominate	11	30		
	Merit order	12	40		
	Procurement of balancing services	13	39		
	TSO-proposed incentive mechanisms	14	37		
٧	NOMINATIONS				
	Reasonable noms procedures	15	37		
	Schedule for day-ahead noms	16	36		29
	Schedule for re-noms	17	37		
	Specific features of nominations	18	36		
VI	DAILY IMBALANCE CHARGES				
	Quantity determination	19	38		
	Locational and Temporal Market Products	20	40		
	Inclusion of day-ahead trades	21	40		9
	Source of trades	22	36		
	Small adjustment	23	41		
	Cross-border trade criterion	24	35		
VII	WITHIN-DAY OBLIGATIONS				
	Elaboration of criteria	25	40		22
	Additional criteria needed	26	34		
	TSO and NRA roles in approval	27	36		33
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	Majority of respondents supported ENTSOG policy/approach
	Mixed views were presented by respondents
	Majority of respondents were opposed to policy/approach

	Chapter	Q#	Count	Position	Issues raised
VIII	NEUTRALITY ARRANGEMENTS				
	Scope/depth of code proposals	-	38		
	Transparency	-	34		
	Info. granularity	-	33		14
	Neutrality pots	33	36		
	Neutrality pots in practice	34	26		
	Cash-flow management	35	30		
		36	34		
IX	INFORMATION PROVISION				
	Info. for offtakes	37	36		
	Variant 2 requirements	38	40		
	CBA and additional elements	39	42		15
	Harmonised info. flows	40	38		
	Transparency Guidelines	41	36		
	Input info. Requirements	42	38		
X	LINEPACK FLEXIBILITY SERVICE				4
	LFS product regs.	43	35		4
ΧI	IMPLEMENTATION, INTERIM MEASURES				
	Definition of short-term balancing market	44	27		
	Access to short-term gas flexibility	45	25		
	LNG "small counry" carve-out in FG	46	30		
	Price-based tolerances	47	30		
	Application of average price	48	26		25
	Forecast accuracy and tolerance phase-out	49	31		25
	Mitigating NDM demand risk	50	28		
	Release of TSO surplus flexibility	51	27		
	Ref. to balancing platform trades	52	28		
	Additional interim measures	53	31		
	ENTSOG monitoring activity	54	28		
	GENERAL ISSUES				
	Level of detail in code	55	20		١.,
	Omitted material issues	56	26		4
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Todays Approach

- ENTSOG intends to summarise the key issues from stakeholders
- Not all issues raised in consultation responses will be covered
- Indicate initial thinking with regard to Network Code
- For discussion purposes only not a commitment on changes to Network Code at this stage



Thank You for Your Attention

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Update on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM) Network Code

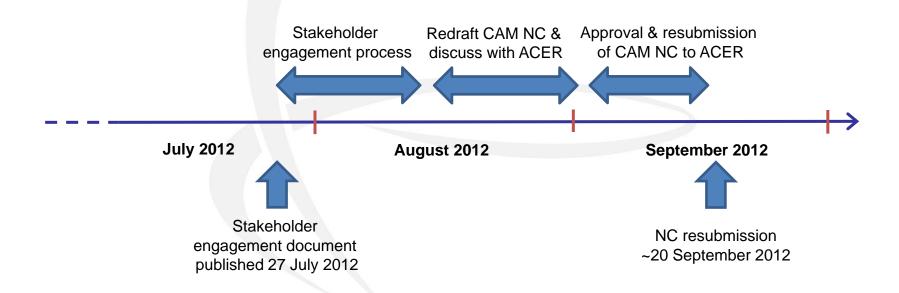
Potential changes to the CAM NC

- ACER opinion delivered to ENTSOG on 5 June 2012
- Opinion recommends changes to the CAM NC in 11 areas: 4 are particularly significant from ENTSOG's point of view:
 - Application of capacity reservation quotas to new capacity
 - Increase in quotas for existing capacity
 - Restriction on offer of unbundled capacity, where technical capacities at both sides of an IP do not match
 - Removal of some specific provisions on tariffs
- ENTSOG will propose a compromise solution
 - Delivers what ACER has requested in most areas
 - Moves substantially toward ACER's position where possible in the remaining areas, while retaining certain essential protections
- ENTSOG also proposes some small technical changes to make the NC more workable
 - Mostly relating to timing of day ahead and within-day capacity allocation



Next steps on the CAM NC

- EC has formally asked ENTSOG to resubmit the modified CAM NC to ACER by mid-September 2012
 - ENTSOG will do everything possible to respect this timescale
 - Stakeholder engagement before resubmission is an essential step



EC hopes to start comitology very early in 2013



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ENTSOG's network code on gas balancing

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ACER gas balancing TF chair

ENTSOG refinement workshop 26th July 2012



ACER's role

- ACER's statutory role on this project was primarily to draft the framework guideline and will be to provide a reasoned opinion within 3 months of the publication of the network code.
- Active ACER engagement throughout the network code development process is needed to ensure that ACER's comments can be considered within ENTSOG's timescales.
- ACER drafted an informal preliminary opinion, based on ENTSOG's code.
- Discussions with ENTSOG and the European Commission are ongoing.

Without prejudice to the Agency's reasoned opinion on the network code.



This is not ACER's reasoned opinion...

- ACER's reasoned opinion will be due 3 months after the network code has been submitted (5th February)
- ACER's reasoned opinion will assess whether the network code is in line with the framework guideline (Regulation 715 Article 6(7))



General comments

- ENTSOG's process has been Inclusive and transparent
- There have been regular and intensive discussions between ENTSOG, ACER and the European Commission
- There is a high degree of compliance of the network code with the framework guideline
- Some elements of the network code are not compliant with the framework guideline and need to be revised



Within-day obligations

- NC should better reflect the principles and criteria to be applied when determining whether within-day obligations can be introduced and what they should look like
- Network Code would benefit from a better definition of Within-day obligations
- Approval process needs to be amended as it is not in line with FG
- Analysis of how existing Within-day obligations relate to criteria is needed
- Within-day obligations must be accompanied by appropriate information provision



Operational balancing ("TSO procurement")

- Merit order needs to be made stricter ("maximise the use of short-term standardised products")
- Balancing services need to be defined
- Adjacent TSOs need to cooperate across borders when defining products beyond the standardisation in the network code
- Balancing platforms also need to comply with these principles



Neutrality

- Only efficiently incurred costs to be passed through
- Needs to allow for incentives
- Detailed harmonisation not needed

Nomination rules

- Interim step not justified
- Agree with focusing on interconnection points, but also need to look at requirements for domestic entry or exit points
- Consistency in timing with CMP, CAM, balancing information provision etc needs to be ensured
- Network code needs to provide some guidance for circumstances in which TSOs may reject nominations



Role for national regulators in approving aspects of the balancing regime

- Several sections of the framework guideline, require NRA approval to be inserted into the network code (e.g. Within-day obligations, measures for cross-border cooperation, incentives, nomination rules, cash-out methodology, neutrality, information provision requirements, commercial linepack products, implementation, interim steps)
- Where the framework guideline foresees NRA approval, national administrative law applies
- NRAs need to be able to amend, reject and initiate proposals
- Legal basis for rules on NRA approval



Other

- Use of interim steps must be minimised
- "Small adjustment" to imbalance charges may need to be capped
- ENTSOG and ACER monitoring roles



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!





Operational Balancing

Refinement Workshop

Ruud van der Meer Markus Sammut

Brussels - 26 July 2012

Operational balancing: Merit order – strengthen

C&G #: 81

Feedback received

 Stakeholders: Some did not support the wording, as they felt that the current wording would benefit from some changes to clarify the text. Some other respondents supported the concept but also felt some wording changes would be required.

Rationale and/or evidence

• Further clarity would make the meaning more obvious and tighten up the merit order.

Consider firming up the merit order in the Draft Code



Operational balancing: Balancing services in the merit order

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

- Stakeholders: Balancing services should only be used if STSP do not or are not likely to provide the required response.
- Balancing Services should only be used as a last resort.
- A clearer prioritization between STSPs and balancing services are sought for.

propose to strengthen the merit order so the balancing services are only used when the Short Term Standardised Products are not expected to provide the required response



Potential refinements to merit order

- .. when deciding upon the appropriate Balancing Actions to undertake, the TSO shall:
- prioritise the use of Title Market Product where and to the extent appropriate over any
 other available Short Term Standardised Products
- 2. <u>use Locational Market Products when</u>, in order to keep the Transmission System within its operational limits, gas flow changes are needed at specific Entry and/or Exit Points and/or to start from a specific period of time within the Gas Day.
- 3. <u>use Temporal Market Products when</u>, in order to keep the Transmission System within its operational limits, gas flow changes are needed within a specific period of time within the Gas Day. The TSO shall only use a Temporal Market Product when in its discretion under defined circumstances it would be more efficient and economic than buying or selling of a combination of Title Market Product or Locational Market Product.
- 4. <u>only use Balancing Services when Short Term Standardised Products would not upon</u> assessment of the TSO's concerned provide the response necessary to keep the system within the operational limits.



Operational balancing: Originating party

C&G #: 53

Feedback received

 Stakeholders suggest to lift this detail from the NC
 The reasoning is that different (evolution of) and leave implementation details to local implementation.

Rationale and/or evidence

markets need different solutions. Their suggestion is to replace "originating party" by "network user trading with TSO".

Consider keeping the current wording in the Draft Code but to add option to identify the party that has to make the (re)nomination in the locational trade



Operational balancing: Exchange-based trading

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

G&C #s: 24,27,35

 Stakeholders: Specific criteria and factors should be fulfilled by the TSO when using an exchange based trading platform.

 The trading platform must provide sufficient support for the TSO in undertaking balancing actions. The network code should provide guidance on when sufficient support is provided.

Consider amending the Draft Code and adding criteria for the use of TPs by the TSO.



Operational balancing: Balancing services criteria

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

- Stakeholders felt the criteria to be considered by the TSO when procuring balancing services were appropriate but a number of comments were made on the text/aspects of the criteria.
 - The text should clarify the distinction between the procurement and the use of balancing services

Consider amending the current wording in the Draft Code to better separate the procurement and use of balancing services.



Operational balancing: Market based procurement process Rationale and/or evidence C&G #: 110

Feedback received

- Stakeholders argue that the criteria that the TSO has to consider when procuring balancing services are generally appropriate but stress that the procurement process should take place in a transparent and market based manner.
- Transparent procurement service would help avoiding discrimination.

Consider refining the current wording in the Draft Code to reflect this feedback.



Operational balancing: Contracts for balancing services max 1 year <u>C&G #: 7</u>

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

- Stakeholders: The FG limit the contract duration of balancing services to 1 year. This should also be mentioned in the network code.
 - The intention of limiting the contract duration of a balancing service to 1 year is to prevent the TSO to enter into commitments beyond the next year.

Propose refining the Draft Code in line with the above but will provide the TSO with the possibility to approach the NRA in specific circumstances for a longer duration.



Operational balancing: TSO trading in adjacent markets

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

- Stakeholders:
- The stakeholders were evenly split on whether the TSO should have the possibility to trade in adjacent markets.
- Those who advocated for stated that it would:
 - Allow system to be kept in a safe position within operational limits
 - Avoid a monopoly situation
 - Be a viable interim solution
- Those who advocated against stated that it would:
 - Hinder development and liquidity in the TSOs own market
 - Divert flexibility away from shippers
 - Compromise the TSOs role as a residual balancer

Consider refining the code so that the NRA can approve the TSO trading in adjacent markets in certain circumstances and/or investigate perceived market failure



Operational balancing: Trading day-ahead

C&G #: 9

Feedback received

• Stakeholders: The merit order should specify that • This would give a clear priority of the usage of TSO should trade within-day and only where this does not provide the required response can the TSO use day-ahead or weekend trades.

Rationale and/or evidence

- within-day products instead of day-ahead products.
- Balancing is an intra-day issue, so trading should also occur within-day to the extent possible.

Consider refining the Draft Code prioritising within-day products over day-ahead products to the extent appropriate.



Operational balancing: Incentives – inclusion of stakeholders in the text C&G #: 95

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Overall there is support for incentive schemes and
 Better inclusion of stakeholders in the text/process. the importance of the consultation process in ensuring relevant stakeholders can provide input.
 However, differing views have been made on who is best placed to design the incentive and/or initiate the proposal.

Consider amending the current wording in the Draft Code to reflect stakeholders position in the consultation process.







Balancing System

Refinement Workshop

Balancing systems: One virtual trading point

G&C #s:12

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Each balancing zone should have one and only one virtual trading point.

Rationale and/or evidence

- Allows pooling of liquidity
- Equal access for shippers
- Lower entry barriers and fosters competition

Consider this already to be a part of the Draft Code and has always been the objective in the process



Balancing systems: Default rule on trade notification

G&C #s:13

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Diverging views received on the default rule on trading notifications:

- Some stakeholders sought for a single matching procedure
- Other stakeholders preferred to have locally defined matching rule

Rationale and/or evidence

- Clear request for harmonising the default rule, but...
- This harmonisation comes with a cost and this cost does not justify changing existing default rules

Consider amending article 8.5 and limiting of the TSO to two default rules:

- Lesser-of-rule and
- Reject the notifications-rule



Balancing systems: Lead time trade notifications

C&G #: 14

Feedback received

Stakeholders: No fundamental reason to link lead • The process for matching trade notification is time for trade notifications to re-nomination deadlines. Lead time should be as short as possible and aligned on best practice...

- Rationale and/or evidence
- easier than nomination processes and there is no operational consequences of a trade notification.
- The lead time can be shorter than the minimum lead time of two hours.
- As the process should be similar for most TSOs, the request to align with best practice is reasonable and supports harmonisation.

Consider amending Article 8.2 so the TSO shall make lead times for submitting (re)notifications as short as possible and aligned with best practice



Balancing systems: Add concept of single sided notifications

Feedback received

 Stakeholders: NC should support single sided notifications for exchange or corresponding clearing house.

Rationale and/or evidence

 The code should not prevent the TSO and a clearing house to agree on the use of single sided nominations. Single sided notifications can be necessary for exchanges/clearing houses to mitigate the risk of non-matching notifications.

Consider the Draft Code already allows for the TSO and the Clearing House to agree on a single sided trade notifications



Balancing systems: Bring daily and hourly trade notifications in line C&G #: 16

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

- Stakeholders: Add daily quantity to hourly notifications and hourly quantity to daily notifications
- Get a high level of harmonisation

ENTSOG does not expect to amend the Draft Code





Cross Border Cooperation

Refinement Workshop

Cross-border cooperation: Review of the harmonisation of balancing rules C&G #: 20 Rationale and/or evidence

Feedback received

- **Stakeholders:** Review of harmonisation on an annual basis instead of only every second year
- This could help speed up harmonisation

Look into a solution that will provide the possibility of reviewing the code more than every second year.



Cross-border cooperation: DSOs role in the consultation process Rationale and/or evidence C&G #: 21

Feedback received

- Stakeholders: DSOs roles should be mentioned in the consultation process.
- DSOs are significant stakeholders and will be affected by cross-border projects.

Propose not to amend the code. DSOs will continue to play a key role in stakeholder engagement process given their importance.



Cross-border cooperation: Involvement of ACER in ENTSOG review process Rationale and/or evidence C&G #: 22

Feedback received

- Stakeholders: ENTSOG should involve ACER in the review process
- For network users it is essential that any reviews concerning the operations of the FG and NC are being supervised and judged by an independent organisation.

do not propose to amend the code.



Cross-border cooperation: ENTSOGs role too

heavy Rationale and/or evidence

C&G #: 23

Feedback received

 Stakeholders: ENTSOGs role could delay bilateral projects ENTSOG should be informed of cross-border cooperation projects but it should be explicit that

its intervention in the process could not delay it.

Role specified for ENTSOG in Chapter III is well balanced and shall not prevent TSOs from any bilateral cooperation







Daily Imbalance Charges

Daily Imbalance Charges

- Almost all Stakeholders agree with model for Daily Imbalance Charges
 - A Stakeholder favours an alternative Single Price Cash-out
- Stakeholder views on the specifics of this Chapter generally consistent



Imbalance Charge: basis of Daily Imbalance Quantity

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Small number of stakeholders seeking Daily Imbalance Quantity on final forecast and not initial Allocation

Stakeholders: Imbalance based on initial Allocation and not Final Allocation

Rationale and/or evidence

Ability to manage risks of imbalance, given information provisions

not consider a code change given measures in place already to protect Network Users, avoid socialisation of costs, focus on NU role to balance



Imbalance Charge: timing of Allocation info.

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Some stakeholders seeking delivery of initial Allocation information after the Gas day rather than up-to 3 days (where needed for operational and technical reasons)
Accept interim measure may be needed

Supports Network Users in forecasting

Consider amending code so that after interim measures are expired, initial Allocation <u>must</u> be delivered on the following Gas Day



Imbalance Charge: design of Small Adjustment

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Many stakeholders seeking greater protection from "Small Adjustments" being punitive. Several examples given:

- · Link to cost of alternative flexible gas
- Link to Hub transaction cost (multiple off)
- Percentage of WAP as cap
- Ex-post pricing
- Marginal investment cost

Rationale and/or evidence

- Lack of harmonisation
- Exposure may be provide too great a risk barrier to entry

Consider amending the code so that once the Balancing Target Model is reached a Small Adjustment cap of 10% of WAP will apply (carve out where justified & NRA approval).

Also Extra criteria "not impose excessive risk on Network Users"



Imbalance Charge: Inclusion of Locational and Temporal trades

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Almost unanimous view that that only title trades should be included and that trading in locational and temporal (L&T) products should be excluded

Rationale and/or evidence

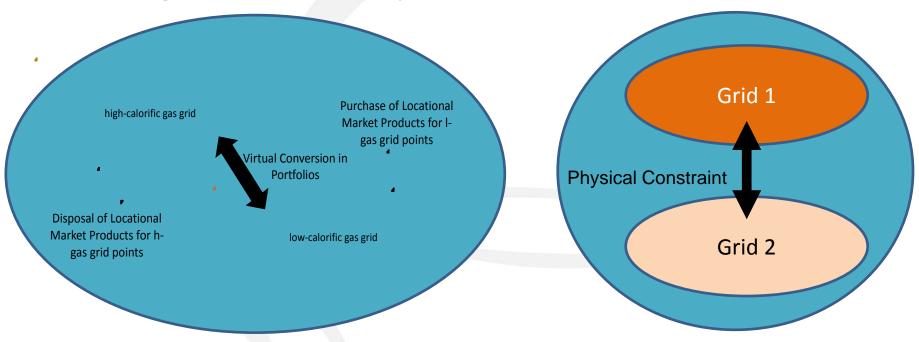
- Trading in L&T products will have a limited liquidity level so their prices should not feed into the derivation of the weighted-average price (WAP)
- L&T trades are generally taken to address constraints or within day issues; thus they are not reflective of the costs of the end of day balancing
- L&T products should be used only to resolve localized transportation constraints
- Others

Consider maintaining the rule that Marginal Buy Price and Sell Price are solely based on Title trades. However a specific measure is required to allow for more detailed consideration if TSO mainly uses locational products and link of TSO actions to Marginal Price is lost



Locational Trades

 Need for Locational Trades will continue – linked to extending balancing zones, some examples below....



 It should be noted that non inclusion in marginal pricing means costs will need to be socialised



Imbalance Charge: preference for single price cash-out

Feedback received

Stakeholders: European Association favours a Single Price cash-out

Rationale and/or evidence

- Reduces risks to Network Users
- Supports a helper concept

not consider amending the code on this topic as it is not in-line with framework quidelines.



Imbalance Charge: Source of trades

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Unanimous stakeholder support for imbalance prices being set based upon trades from exchanges and platforms

Rationale and/or evidence

- Transparency
- Non Discrimination

Stakeholders: Some stakeholders seek limitation to • Simplicity one platform

Consider amending the code so trades for imbalance prices <u>only</u> from trading platforms. ENTSOG is not proposing to limit TSO to one platform for this



Imbalance Charge: Day Ahead trades

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Majority of Stakeholders support within day trades only in imbalance price

Stakeholders: Some stakeholders support local discretion, while some support day ahead trades inclusion (and some as interim measures)

Rationale and/or evidence

- TSO should only take Balancing actions within day
- Day ahead prices do not reflect system needs
- Simplicity

Consider not amending the code as balancing not limited to within day. ENTSOG considering separate amendment in merit order to prioritise balancing on within day. Allows signal to be sent day ahead





Linepack Flexibility Service

Linepack Flexibility Service

 All of the respondents on this Chapter supported the additional criteria set-out

Some had additional views



Linepack Flexibility Services: Favour explicit service C&I #s: 57

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Some stakeholders favour an explicit • Maintains principle of Network User responsibility Linepack flexibility Service

- for Inputs and Offtakes
- Encourages Network Users to forecast better, participate in wholesale market

Consider amending the code so that use of service must be via nominations, given maintains Network User responsibilities, provides TSP notice of intentions



Linepack Flexibility Service: Criteria

C&I #s: 70

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Link to existing WDOs should be stronger

Stakeholders: Should be offered at "market price" and have characteristics of storage products

Rationale and/or evidence

- Text suggest can place in paralel with existing WDO
- Risk of distorting market for flexible gas and market for storage

Consider a code change to explicitly state reduction of WDOs is priority over offering linepack service







Tolerances

Tolerances

Almost unanimous support for price tolerances

Almost unanimous support for tolerance based on average price



Tolerances: limitations on application

C&I #s: 60

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Tolerances should be limited to situations where:

- A Liquid Short Term Wholesale Gas Market or short term flexible gas;
- Sufficient information regarding their Inputs and Off-takes

Justification

 Use of "may" in Article 51(5)1 could allow the application of tolerances in other cases than those specified

Consider amending Article 51(5)1

For example, Where ... and ...,

Tolerances <u>may only</u> be applied to Network Users



Tolerances: obligation where info. and liquidity lacking

C&I #s: 61

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Tolerances should be an <u>obligation</u> of TSOs where there is not:

- A Liquid Short Term Wholesale Gas Market or short term flexible gas;
- Sufficient information regarding their Inputs and Off-takes

Rationale and/or evidence

• 2% NDM forecast accuracy is provided as a benchmark for offering tolerances.

not consider code change given

NRA maintains an option to introduce tolerance (as amendment of TSO proposal or absence of one) under Article 41 of Gas Directive



Tolerances: structure of quantities

C&I #s: 64

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Objection about the use of tolerances • Network Users could face equal or larger risks for with a classification for NDM only

IDM and DM

Stakeholders: Concern raised about exposure of Network Users under German national regime due to reliance on forecasts (TBC)

None provided

Not consider a code change given

tolerances are allowed under the NC for IDM and DM under Article 51(5)7; they are not restricted to NDM





Neutrality

Neutrality

- Stakeholders views differ on level of detail in neutrality
- Stakeholders views on sub issues quite split



Neutrality: recovery for "efficient" costs, not "any" costs

C&I #s: 77

Feedback received

ACER: Code must establish that

- TSO is only entitled to recover efficiently incurred costs and not any costs\
- Determining efficiently incurred costs and what may be included in the TSO revenues remains a key task of the NRA

Rationale and/or evidence

 Principle of incentives in FG is that only efficiently incurred costs for balancing activities can be recovered

ACTIVE...but need to consider in context of incentives



Neutrality: more specificity on transparency

C&I #s: 28

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: some favour increased transparency • Transparency a key element of a balancing regime needed in terms of frequency, scope and depth of information

Stakeholders: most view think NC level appropriate and detail should be left to national regimes

 Network Code provides the requirement that it must be dealt with on a national level

consider a change to the Network Code to be more specific on the minimum level of information the TSO must publish



Neutrality: degree of prescription

C&I #s: 25, 27, 29

Feedback received

- Stakeholders: Too much discretion left to NRAs; more detail needed to harmonise issues, for example:
 - Level of certainty for Network Users
 - Basis of apportionment
- Stakeholders: detail of rules should be left to national regimes

Rationale and/or evidence

- NRAs can be biased ranging from promoting recently-introduced regimes or relying on historic practices
- NRAs, aware of national circumstances, are best placed to define an appropriate neutrality regime

Consider not expanding the Neutrality Chapter



Neutrality: Treatment of Variant 2

Feedback received

 Stakeholders: some stakeholders view that there should be a separate neutrality pot where Variant 2 is used in a system

Rationale and/or evidence

- Under V2, final NDM offtake allocation is deemed equal to the day-ahead forecast. This means that no end-of-day cash-out charges apply for NDM offtake. However, the TSO may have been required to take balancing actions for NDM Offtakes
- Cost targeting

Consider including a requirement for a separate NDM Neutrality

Pot where Variant 2 is used



Neutrality: split pots

C&I #s: 26, 30

Feedback received

- Stakeholders: split pots needed where crosssubsidies evident, for example within day obligations.
- Stakeholders: one pot should be maintained for simplicity

Rationale and/or evidence

 Allows better cost targeting to those who caused them

- Simplicity is important
- Costs outweigh benefits
- Not material in many countries

Consider not putting further description in this section



Neutrality: Credit Arrangements

C&I #s: 32

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Credit arrangements should cover wider balancing charges and not simply balancing neutrality charges

Rationale and/or evidence

 Main exposure, i.e., the default risk, is to imbalances and not neutrality

Stakeholders: Any credit arrangements put in place • Agree with concept but needs to be better should be reasonable and not undue to new entrants balanced / small users

Consider an amendment of the Draft Code so that such arrangements are not restricted to neutrality charge and applies to all charges, must be reasonable and proportionate to the purpose







Nominations

Nominations

- Majority support timings and approach to nominations
 - Almost all have comments on specifics



Nominations: duration of any transitional measure

C&I #s: 22

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Generally measure acceptable but should not be treated like a interim measure with a 5-year transition period

• To ensure balancing target model is delivered

Consider amending the code so as to limit this measure to a maximum of three years from entry into force



Nominations: procedures at non-IPs

C&I #s: 5

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Minimum common rules non-IPs

Rationale and/or evidence

 Network Users need to be able to balance their portfolio flexibly during the gas day and LNG, storage and production sites are important sources for this flexibility

Not consider amending the Draft Code given
Outside scope of Framework guidelines



Nominations: shorter lead times for noms/re-noms and matching C&I #S: 13

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Two hours is a too long time for matching process and confirmation

Rationale and/or evidence

Gives greater flexibility

Not consider a change in the Draft Code given

- Harmonisation must consider all Ips
- Legal text allows for shorter periods "within 2 hours"
- matching process at IPs, which takes more time than those points, is not used
- For many zones, or national regimes, moving to two hours will be a major change
- Period mirrors EASEE-gas rules



Nominations: compatibility with CAM Network Code

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Some Stakeholders raised issue of timing of capacity windows for within day auctions versus re-nomination times

Potential incompatibility

ENTSOG is aware of this issue and a proposed resolution will be included in the upcoming Stakeholder Engagement document being issued



Nominations: reducing capacity due to physical constraint

C&I #s: 2

Feedback received

Rationale and/or evidence

Stakeholders: Stakeholder opposition to "TSO may • Too strong a right on TSO take constraints into account'

Intention not clear

Stakeholders: Stakeholder query application of

TSO intervention for imbalances.

Consider amending Network Code to replace both Items with Alternative text. However the balancing network code will not provide capacity management rules - outside scope of balancing







Information Provision

Information Provision

- Majority of Stakeholders support Information Chapter in relation to 3 models
 - Many with specific comments on details of Chapter
- Some seeking greater than that provided in Information Provision Chapter
- Significant amount of Stakeholders seeking further clarity that provisions are not in respect of Within Day Obligations



Info. Provision: Variant 2 treatment

C&I #s: 37

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Large majority support the extra consultation for new Variant 2s

Stakeholders: Some state Variant 2 should not be allowed

Stakeholders: Some state existing V2 models should have extra consultation

Stakeholders: Some state all models should be subject to extra consultation

Rationale and/or evidence

- Not consistent with overall objectives of framework guidelines
- Equal treatment
- Equal treatment

Not consider amending the code given

the clear mandate in the FG. Keep consultation for new Variant 2.



Info. Provision: Additional measures in CBA

C&I #s: 42

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Several Stakeholders believe accuracy needs to be considered

Stakeholders: Some believe Identification of Payers and Benefiters important

Stakeholders: Detailed suggestion – e.g. IT systems

Rationale and/or evidence

- timing of information provision also linked to accuracy
- Allows for fuller assessment and debate
- Specific proposals

Consider amending the CBA to include accuracy as a requirement and include roles. Do not propose to include technical specifics – this is the CBA



Info. Provision: CBA earlier than 2 years

C&I #s: 44

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Some stakeholders believe CBA on increasing frequency and extent of information provided should be done as soon as possible and < 2 years

Rationale and/or evidence

 Given importance of information provision to Network Users

Not consider a code change given:

- The current draft states "within two years, which allows for earlier development of CBA
- Significant consultations that TSO must do upon entry into force of NC;



TSOs' heavy consultation load upon entry into force (eif) of NC

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TSO CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS						
Topic	Who consults	Subject of consultation	Timing			
Interim measures: roadmap (annual)	TSOs concerned [which seek to avail of interim measure(s)]	on relevant parts of first report and the roadmap therein on relevant parts of subsequent report(s) and the roadmap(s) therein	1) consultation deadline: before submitting the first report; 2) submitting the first report for NRA's approval: within 3 months followin the date of eif of the NC 1) consultation deadline: before submitting the following reports for NRA's approval; 2) submitting the subsequent reports: every 12 months			
Interim measures: contracts for flexible gas	TSOs [which seek to avail of this interim measure]	on specific proposals to be implemented as interim measures for release of any surplus flexible gas under long term contracts in force	Timings as specified above			
WDOs	TSO [which has existing WDOs at the date of eif of the NC]	on WDOs that exist at the date of eif of the NC	within 6 months from the date of eif of the NC			
WDOs	TSO [which seeks to introduce any WDO]	on WDO that is proposed to be introduced, including the methodology and assumptions used in arriving at the conclusion that this WDO meets the criteria specified in Item 1, Article 31	no timing specified			
Cross-border cooperation	TSOs with common boundaries of their Transmission Systems	on proposals for project development (options for cooperation)	no timing specified			

TSO NOTIFICATION FOR NRA APPROVAL				
Daily Imbalance Charge	Notification of Daily Imbalance Charge Calculation Methodology (including calculation of Small Adjustment) to the relevant national regulatory authority for approval.			
Neutrality	Notification of Methodology for Balancing Neutrality Charges			
Information Provision	Notification of Model for Info Provision to be applied in Balancing Zone			

NRA may consult as part of approval process



Info. Provision: accuracy incentives

C&I #s: 40

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Several stakeholders view that incentive on accuracy should be an obligation

Rationale and/or evidence

Information is very important to Network Users

Not consider changing code given:

- Some systems already "accurate"
- Earlier slide on stakeholder role
- Needs national consideration for specifics (many parties involved)
- NRA role important –incentives remain in NRA control



Info. Provision: provision of first NDM forecast

C&I #s: 16

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Call for the anticipation of the deadline for the provision of the first NDM Forecast in D-1 from 12:00 to 11:00.

Rationale and/or evidence

- Network Users will have a longer period to elaborate forecasts on the basis of D-1 NDM forecast.
- Network Users allowed more time also to manage portfolio

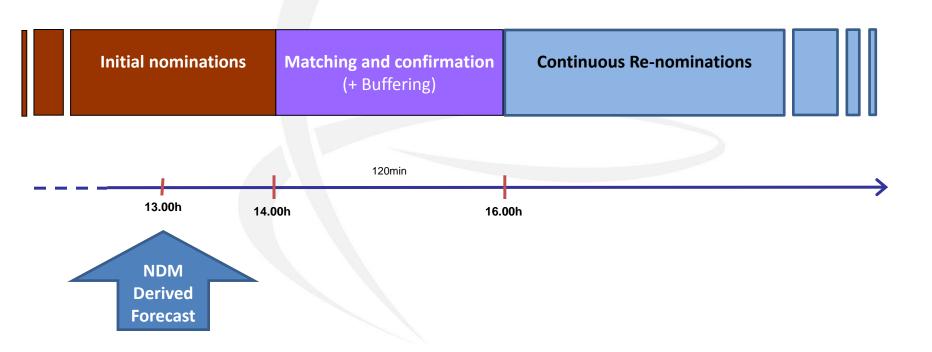
Not consider a code change given:

- significant and complex interactions required to prepare (TSO/ DSO / Forecasting party/ NU)
- rule is only to applies only for IP noms: network users likely to have further options.
- NDM Derived Forecast accuracy likely to reduce if information is provided much earlier
- access to data become problematic if too early in the day
- Network Users can renominate



Clarification of Timings

- All times are local time CET
 - Take away 1h for UTC winter time, 2h for UTC day-light saving





Info. Provision – other key issues

C&I #s: 70

Feedback received

Stakeholders: Granularity of Information

Stakeholders: Info for WDOs

Stakeholders: Transparency Guidelines

Rationale and/or evidence

- Allows better management of portfolio
- Needed to manage risks and opportunities in same way it is for daily balancing
- Implementation unsatisfactory

Consider no change on granularity, WDO info in this afternoons session. Separate on Transparency platform underway







Within Day Obligations

Within-day obligations: More details on WDOs – definition of types of WDOs

C&G #: 2

Feedback received

Stakeholders wanted to identify the different types
 Stakeholders argue that the section on WDO should provide specification beyond the princ

Rationale and/or evidence

 Stakeholders argue that the section on WDO should provide specification beyond the principles in the FG and provide for a higher level of harmonisation.

Consider incorporating three different types of Within-day obligations in the network code



Definition of WDO

A Within-Day Obligation is
 "a set of rules and consequences regarding Network User's actual Inputs and/or Off-takes during the Gas Day."



Types of WDOs

WDOs will incentivise network users to

- 1. Keep the system within its operational limits, and/or
- Keep their individual position during the day within a specified range, and/or
- Limit gas flow and/or gas flow variation at specific entry/exit points or groups of entry/exit points, under specified circumstances.



System-wide WDOs

- Incentivise network users collectively to
 - Keep the system within its operational limits
- The rules provide
 - Operational limits which the system has to stay within
 - The action the TSO will take when limits are reached
 - The attribution of cost/revenues for these balancing actions to the network users
- Network users are collectively incentivised
 - To keep the system within specified limits
 - Through the consequences of a balancing action taken by the
 TSO consequence can be financial and/or for within-day positions
 - based on their individual within-day position



Portfolio WDOs

- Incentivise network users to
 - Keep individual position during the day within a specified range
- The rules provides for each portfolio
 - Limits which the position has to stay within
 - The consequences of exceeding these limits consequence can be financial and/or for within-day positions
- Network user will be incentivised
 - To keep their position within specified limits
 - Through the consequences of exceeding their individual limits



Limit gas flow/flow variations

- Incentivise network users
 - Limit gas flow and/or gas flow variation
 at specific entry/exit points or groups of entry/exit points
- Rules provide
 - Limitations in flow and/or flow variation
 - The e/e points or groups of points to which they apply
 - The conditions under which they apply
- Network User will be incentivised
 - To keep system within operational limits
 - Through obligations or incentives on flows/flow variations



Use of WDO

- TSO uses either type 1 or type 2
- Type 3 can be used
 - Seperately or
 - In combination with type 1 or type 2
- To reduce the level of cross-subsidisation
 - TSO can choose to have different WDO for different groups of off-takes or inputs
 - motivated by
 - different information being available for different entry/exit points
 - similar use of the system by different groups of network users
 - These different WDOs can be of the same or of different types



Applying WDO

- Choice for a type and specific design depends on
 - System topology
 - Flow scenarios that need to be accommodated
 - The information that the TSO can provide and the timing of that information
- Assessment of specific WDO can only be made at level of individual systems
- The network code has to ensure a robust process for this
 - Use a predefined set of criteria
 - Against which the TSO designs and tests its WDO
 - TSO assesse the likely financial impact and impact on cross-border trade and new entry
 - Consult stakeholders on this design and test against criteria
 - Get NRA approval of the WDO



Pre-cononditions and criteria for WDOs

Pre-conditions

- It is necessary to incentivise network users to
 - reduce the role of the TSO and
 - ensure system integrity

Criteria WDO has to meet

- WDO doesn't act as undue barrier to
 - cross-border trade
 - new entry into the market
- Network users have sufficient, sufficiently accurate and timely information to be able to comply with the WDO
- Main cost incurred by network users relates to their position at the end of the day
- Related charges shall
 - Be cost reflective to extent possible
 - Not pose undue barriers to
 - Cross-border trade
 - New entry into the market
- No obligatory settlement of network users to zero during the day



Information provision

- Choice on type of WDO depends on information available
- Can TSOs provide
 - Real-time info on system position
 - > Real-time portfolio info
 - Real-time flow info
 - Real-time allocations based on agreed algorithms
 - > Ex post portfolio info
- Do network users have other sources of information
 - Portfolio information
 - Information from end consumers
 - Information on potential flow variations







Within-day obligations: Merging criteria for TSOs and NRAs in the consultation process

C&G #: 1

Feedback received

 Stakeholders: Stakeholders argued that the criteria that the TSO addresses in their WDOproposal should be the same as the criteria that the NRA uses to assess the impact of the proposal.

Rationale and/or evidence

- The criteria that the NRA should check must be the same as the TSO is using to design any wdo.
- There can be one list and this list is then to be used by both TSO and the NRA.
- Better structure and more clarity would be created.

Consider changing the Draft Code to have one single list of criteria that would apply to both TSOs and NRAs







Next steps in development process of Draft Code on Balancing

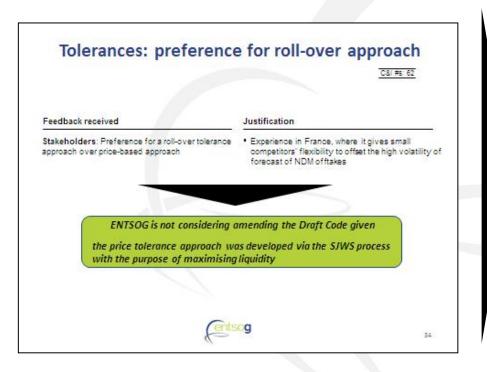
Refinement Workshop

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FROM stakeholder issues TO Analysis of ENTSOG Decisions supporting document



Preference for carry-over tolerances

A stakeholder expressed a preference for a roll over tolerance as opposed to a price tolerance but provided no substantiation for its view.

The Refined Draft Code continues to propose a price tolerance approach. As explained in section B.4. above, price tolerances are the preferred policy option because this approach maximises liquidity and provides for an easier transition to the preferred outcome of imbalance cashout at marginal prices.



Stakeholder Support Process: 14-28 September



Supporting Document for Public Consultation on Draft Code BAL241-12

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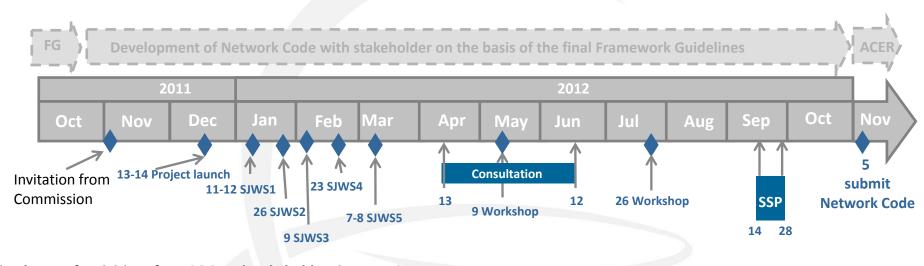
Question 3: Please complete the table below, indicating whether you support the relevant sections of the CAM NC, having regard to the process carried out and ENTSOG's aim to reflect the views of the majority of users during the development process.

Section	1-2: Rationale and Application	3: Principles of co-operation	4: Allocation of firm capacity ²	5: Cross-border capacity
Support				
Do not support				

Section	6: Interruptible capacity	7: Tariffs	8: Booking platforms	9-11: Legal provisions
Support				
Do not support				



Completing refinement phase: today - 4 Nov.



Main phases of activities of ENTSOG and stakeholders in BAL NC process



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Thank You for Your Attention

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