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Resubmission of Balancing Network Code and Explanatory Document

Dear Alberto,

Earlier today our General Assembly approved the resubmission of the attached revised Balancing Network Code (Bal NC) and Explanatory Document.

Our teams have worked closely together since the 26 October submission of the Bal NC, allowing ENTSOG to deliver the Bal NC and Explanatory Document in response to ACER's Reasoned Opinion (RO) on 25 January.

We believe that our Bal NC addresses all of the issues that ACER consider to be essential so that it can now be recommended to the European Commission(EC) to proceed to the comitology process. The Explanatory Document explains the rationale for the changes made and also explains why the other issues identified in the RO do not, in ENTSOG's opinion, warrant additional changes.

Whilst developing the Bal NC ENTSOG has also made further changes to address some matters of style and clarifications raised by the EC. This has been done to minimize later change requirements when the EC makes final preparations for the comitology process.

ENTSOG's view is that the combined effect of the changes enhances the quality of the code whilst retaining all of the essential features supported by stakeholders in our stakeholder support process. Additionally, in some areas the changes will enhance the Bal NC from a stakeholder perspective.

ENTSOG shares both ACER's and EC's aspiration that the Bal NC should be progressed in a timely manner so that it can proceed towards adoption and implementation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that ENTSOG can do to expedite timely progress on the journey to adoption and implementation of the Bal NC.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

BAL500-13_130221_Balancing Network Code for Re-submission to ACER.pdf

BAL501-13_130221_Explanatory Document for Balancing Network Code for Re-submission to ACER.pdf