

## Press Release

### **ENTSOG publishes draft Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange rules and a Supporting Document for a 2-month consultation period.**

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) has adopted the draft Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange rules and a Supporting Document and it is publishing these documents today for a 2-month consultation period.

This draft Network Code is developed following an Invitation Letter from the European Commission (11 September 2012) and is based upon the Framework Guidelines published by the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) on 26 July 2012.

The draft Network Code represents outcomes based upon the inputs from ENTSOG members gathered through the Interoperability Working Group, the contributions from stakeholders via the relevant Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions and European Commission and ACER. The Supporting Document gives an analysis of decisions taken and questions for Public Consultation.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG's General Manager, said: "This is the third Network Code we've been asked to deliver. This Network Code will contribute to the European objective of further developing the internal market for energy. In order to achieve this objective, the Network Code puts focus on technical rules for the operation of gas transmission systems."

Michel Van den Brande, ENTSOG's Interoperability Subject Manager, said: "The Network Code development process up to now has been notable for the high level of participation from all areas of the industry. To collect further feedback on the published draft Network Code that will be considered in the further development process, a formal consultation and a workshop will be organised. Further stakeholder input is important to ensure that we are ready for the challenge to submit the Network Code to ACER by 11 September 2013."

The formal consultation encouraging stakeholders to provide responses, in particular to the questions included in the Supporting Document, will be open for 2 months starting today. The Public Consultation Questionnaire on the draft Network Code should be completed and

submitted online ([www.surveymonkey.com/s/ENTSOG\\_DRAFT\\_INTNC\\_PUBLIC\\_CONSULTATION](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ENTSOG_DRAFT_INTNC_PUBLIC_CONSULTATION))  
no later than **by 17:00 UTC on 26 April 2013.**

A public workshop will be held in Brussels on 20 March 2013 to provide opportunity for an exchange of views about the draft Network Code and Supporting Document. This event has been scheduled to allow respondents sufficient time both to assess the draft Network Code and Supporting Document in advance of the workshop and to take into account views and information gained in the workshop in their responses.

We look forward to hear from interested parties and will be pleased to meet with anybody interested to explore an aspect of the draft Network Code and Supporting Document during the consultation period. Michel Van den Brande [micHEL.vandenbrande@entsog.eu](mailto:micHEL.vandenbrande@entsog.eu) can be contacted if you would like to arrange such a meeting or for any further information.

#### **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.
- All relevant materials can be consulted on ENTSOG's website: <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/interoperability>.
- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and currently comprises 41 TSO Members and 3 Associated Partners from 25 EU countries, and 4 Observers from 4 non-EU countries.
- ENTSOG maintains a register and will pro-actively notify those on the register about developments in this and other areas of ENTSOG's work. Please write to [info@entsog.eu](mailto:info@entsog.eu) if you want to be included in this e-mailing list. Details of all ENTSOG's work can be found at [www.entsog.eu](http://www.entsog.eu).