

Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) publishes received responses on Harmonisation of Maintenance Publication public consultation.

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas organised a public consultation (18 April 2011 to 15 May 2011) on its proposal for harmonising the time and the way its members publish information regarding maintenance of the transmission network under their responsibility.

ENTSOG considers that a common approach towards the publication of maintenance information, according to the requirements of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, shall further improve transparency and contribute to market integration. ENTSOG is aiming at providing market participants with a harmonized publication procedure for the planned interventions on the transmission network, operated by its members, which has an impact on the firm and interruptible capacity offered on cross-border interconnection points. The publication shall be harmonised so that an equivalent piece of information is published for all such interconnection points (IP concerned, impact on the available capacity, nature of planned maintenance, planning period and duration).

ENTSOG received 3 non-confidential and 1 confidential responses from Stakeholders and is now publishing the non-confidential ones:

- EDF response
- EFET response
- Eurogas response

As some common issues have been raised by the received responses, ENTSOG would like to clarify some points and reply to stakeholders' demands (<u>ENTSOG response</u>).

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said: "ENTSOG would like to thank stakeholders that have responded to ENTSOG's consultation paper on harmonisation of maintenance publication. The received feedback will be evaluated and used for further improvements of ENTSOG's proposal. ENTSOG's objective remains the publication of reliable and sufficient information related to planned maintenance in a systematic, timely and non-discriminatory manner to the network users for all European cross-border Interconnection Points in order to optimise network access."

Next steps:

ENTSOG will develop and propose a common format for publication of maintenance schedules. It will be presented to all stakeholders during the Transparency workshop organized on 23 November 2011.

Following the feedback received, ENTSOG will finalize its proposal. This can eventually be included in the interoperability network code.

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Note to Editors

• ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members from 23 countries.