



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ENTSOG submits first network code to ACER**

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The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) will today submit its network code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM) to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), at an event in Brussels which will be attended by Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger, ACER Director Alberto Pototschnig and ENTSOG President Stephan Kamphues.

This code, the first to be produced under the process set out in the Third Package of energy legislation, will help to define the manner in which system users gain access to the European gas grid, so as to develop a single European gas market.

The code sets out rules in a number of key areas, including the design of harmonised auctions for capacity products of various durations, the bundling of cross-border capacity, the development of booking platforms, and the alignment of interruptible capacity. It also includes some interim tariff provisions, which are necessary in order to enable auctions to be implemented before a new European tariff framework is developed.

The network code development process has been notable for the high level of participation from all areas of the industry. Feedback from stakeholders through consultations and workshops has been used to refine and improve on the draft network code, published in June 2011, which was itself the product of extensive stakeholder debate.

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President, said, "ENTSOG is delighted to present the CAM network code to ACER today. The close co-operation between ENTSOG, EC, ACER and market participants during the code development process has helped to produce a strong document which we believe will make a significant contribution to the functioning of the internal market in gas".

ACER will now have three months to provide an opinion to ENTSOG on whether the network code is in line with the Framework Guideline on CAM, following which the network code will be sent to the EC and will enter the comitology process. ENTSOG looks forward to continuing its productive co-operation with ACER, the EC and market players over the coming months.

#### ***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 comprises 39 members from 23 EU countries.
- ENTSOG is required to define rules, the network codes, which will define the manner in which system users gain access to the European gas grid so as to develop a single European gas market.



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- 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 would like to be included in this e-mail list.
- The draft network code, supporting document and all previous work on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms, together with details of ENTSOG's other work, can be found at [www.entsog.eu](http://www.entsog.eu).
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