ENTSOG launches Public Consultation on possible main terms and conditions for bundled capacity contracts to be further considered for potential alignment

(Brussels, PR0125-17) ENTSOG consults stakeholders on the General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs) in their transport contracts for gas.

The new Article 20 of the amended CAM NC (which is expected to enter into force in April 2017) requires ENTSOG to draft and publish a template of some of the “main” terms and conditions of transport contracts for bundled capacity products. As a first step, a catalogue of these terms and conditions to be qualified as “main” has to be created. In the course of identifying the “main” terms and conditions in the transport contract(s), ENTSOG is now consulting stakeholders.

The consultation is based on an online survey with further information to be found in the accompanying introductory document, which can be accessed here:

The GT&Cs consultation is available here.

The consultation will be open from 7 March to 7 April 2017.

Upcoming steps:

- By December 2017/January 2018, ENTSOG shall analyse existing transport contracts, identifying and categorising differences in relation to the main terms and conditions and the reasons for such differences and publish its findings in a report;
- In January/February 2018 ENTSOG will launch a public consultation on the above mentioned report;
Based on the feedback from this second public consultation, ENTSOG will develop a template for the main terms and conditions covering contractual provisions, which are not affected by fundamental differences in principles of national law or jurisprudence;

ACER will then provide an opinion on such template and ENTSOG, taking into account such opinion, will publish the final template for the main terms and conditions no later than 3 months as from the receipt of the ACER’s opinion;

Each TSO will then have the possibility to use the ENTSOG’s template for offering bundled capacity products, subject to the approval of the concerned NRA.

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Editorial notes

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at this link.
- In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.