EURELECTRIC's discussion input on the aFRR study

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Findings

- The lower the ramp of the standard product, the larger the market
- Controller settings have to be harmonised and tuned to the aFRR activation philosophy with the standard product
- No definite conclusions on the performance (frequency stability and economics) of such a harmonised situation

aFRR study main omissions

- Only technical information related to aFRR possibilities (no economic figures). Not all technical info seems correct
- Dynamic analyses only based on existing controller settings and activation philosophy -> doesn't seem to be appropriate
- No information whether frequency stability stays within limits in different scenarios

More specifically

- The report concludes that the FAT should be fast, in order to compensate the effect of the merit order on the quality of the frequency
- The report also relates the possibility to activate several bids at the same time, but says it is more costly
- This is only true for energy: if the FAT is larger, it will allow for more participation, and therefore lead to saving for the purchase of capacity

A more elaborated techno-economic study needs to be conducted

- Capability is not economic available capacity
- Controller setting tuned to merit order activation
- This would result in a conclusive advice on the FAT in combination with activation philosophy