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Subject: Extension of the deadline for the development of a network code on electricity generation grid connection rules

Dear Mr Dobbeni,

On 29 July 2011 the European Commission wrote to you in accordance with Article 6 (6) of Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009, requesting ENTSO-E to submit a network code on generation grid connection to ACER by 31 March 2012 in line with the framework guideline. The Commission considered that the time to submit the network code should be shorter than the maximum 12 months because prior to the adoption of the framework guideline ENTSO-E had already worked on the connection network code as agreed between the Commission, ERGEG and ENTSO-E.

On 15 September 2011 you replied to this letter, stating your readiness to accomplish this task by building on the significant progress achieved since the launch of the pilot code project on generation connection. However, you called for a longer deadline in particular to ensure better consultation with stakeholders and a better understanding, both by you and by network users, of the impact of your proposals in the draft network code.

We have discussed your request with you on a number of occasions. We agree with your view that proper stakeholder engagement is crucial for ENTSO-E to develop a network code that takes into account the legitimate considerations of, inter alia, the conventional and renewable generation industry. Likewise the network code must be accompanied by a proper impact assessment addressing the costs and benefits of the main policy options adopted in the network code, such as the application of new rules to existing grid connections.

We are therefore willing to agree to your request to extend the deadline for developing this code until 30 June 2012, with the understand that ENTSO-E will use the additional time genuinely to engage with stakeholders in the consultation process and to develop an impact assessment. This should help the swift adoption of the network code, once reviewed by ACER and the Commission through the Comitology procedure.

Yours sincerely



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