

30 January 2012

To: all European-wide associations with an interest in the “Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators”

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: Open invitation for membership to user group on “Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators”

As of 24 January 2012 the “Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators” entered its public consultation phase for a period of eight weeks (until 20 March 2012). The procedure for this consultation, developed in line with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) 714/2009, can be accessed at the ENTSO-E website¹.

Prior to the entry into force of the 3rd Energy Package in March 2011, ENTSO-E conducted a number of informal bilateral stakeholder meetings in the ‘pilot phase’ of this code development. These bilateral discussions with diverse stakeholder associations (DSOs, manufacturers, generators, industrial customers) enabled an adequate level of in-depth technical detail and have led to significant improvements to the Network Code.

Following the publication of ACER’s framework guidelines on electricity grid connections (published on 20 July 2011) and the subsequent receipt of the EC mandate letter dated 29 July 2011 to start developing this network code), ENTSO-E updated the draft Network Code based on these guidelines and continued bilateral discussions with multiple stakeholder associations as follows:

- 22 August 2011: DSO Expert Group (Eurelectric DSO, Cedec, Geode)
- 10 November 2011: EUR
- 06 December 2011: EWEA
- 07 December 2011: DSO Expert Group (Eurelectric DSO, Cedec, Geode)
- 20 December 2011: EUTurbines and Eurelectric WG Thermal / VGB PowerTech
- 09 January 2012: EPIA

The relevant documents of these formal meetings (minutes, presentations) are published² by ENTSO-E after mutual agreement on the content with the relevant stakeholders.

During the public web-based consultation all stakeholders are invited to submit comments via a dedicated ENTSO-E web interface. All comments will be reviewed by ENTSO-E and will be properly assessed for the purpose of preparing the final Network Code. Both comments and their assessment will be published at the ENTSO-E website in line with Regulation (EC) 714/2009.

Acknowledging the significant contribution of stakeholders to the Network Code, ENTSO-E seeks to continue this constructive interaction also with regard to the outcome of the public web-based consultation. In this phase, this interaction will take the form of a stakeholder user group. Given the time constraints in the development of this code, structured user group meetings allow adequate time for stakeholder interaction and increase transparency among different stakeholder views.

¹ <https://www.entsoe.eu/resources/consultations/>

² <https://www.entsoe.eu/resources/network-codes/nc-rfg/>

ENTSO-E therefore sends out an invitation for membership on a user group for the “Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators” to all European-wide associations that have been already involved in the formal consultation process. Other European-wide associations, covering stakeholders with a relevant role in the context of this network code that are not represented, and who can provide a substantial contribution in the consultation phase could also be included in this user group.

The number of participants per association in this user group is limited to two persons.

Participants to this user group agree that the outcomes of these meetings and the relevant documents discussed will be made public.

What are the next steps?

ENTSO-E plans two user group meetings after the end of the public consultation:

- 22 March 2012 in Brussels, mainly as an opportunity for stakeholders to present and discuss their main comments submitted during the consultation phase;
- 2 May 2012 in Brussels, mainly as an opportunity for ENTSO-E to present and discuss its preliminary assessment of comments before finalization of the code.

During the public web-based consultation phase an open workshop is planned on 15 February in Brussels. More information on this can be found on the ENTSO-E website.

This user group will only cover the topic of the “Network Code for Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators”. The duration of this user group will be limited in time until the end of June 2012 at which stage ENTSO-E plans to submit the code to ACER.

Addressees of this letter are requested to nominate members in this user group by 1 March 2012 (to the attention of Edwin Haesen - edwin.haesen@entsoe.eu). In case of interest by a European-wide association not included in the invitation to participate in this user group, please use the same contact.