

8th Network Code Implementation and Monitoring Group (NC IMG) meeting on 19 November 2019 – Conclusions

Participants: EC (Chair of the NC IMG), ACER, ENTSOG, ENTSO-E.

1. Welcome, agenda and action points review

Conclusion

- The actions points from last meeting have been reviewed and relevant progress was reported in the meeting.
- The common planning for the implementation of the Clean Energy Package was extraordinarily discussed on 7 October 2019. The conclusions are incorporated under agenda item 4 of this meeting.

2. General NC implementation

Conclusions

- The NC IMG discussed the next steps after the decision of the Court on an ACER Decision on capacity calculation regions (“CCR”) in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation 2015/1222 and emphasised the need to ensure legal certainty.
- The 2nd go-live of XBID on 19 November 2019 was welcomed, especially given the high priority of market coupling for achieving an integrated energy market.
- The pending multi-NEMO-arrangements should go live in the coming months (Nordic: March 2020; Hansa: May/June 2020; Poland (for day-ahead): Q1-Q2 2020; Baltics: 2020).
- The NC IMG welcomed the agreement between TSOs to locate the Regional Security Coordinator for the South East Europe Capacity Calculation Region in Thessaloniki.
- The NC IMG discussed the different options for the entity operating the platforms for exchanging balancing energy as required by the Electricity Balancing Guideline.
- As regards gas, ENTSOG reported that it would publish a report on the first incremental capacity process in December 2019. The NC IMG noted that ENTSOG and ACER are in the process of developing FUNC 2.0.

3. NC/GL amendments: discussion of priorities

Conclusions

- The NC IMG discussed possible amendments of Network Codes and Guidelines. As regards gas, amendments are dependent on the timing and content of possible legislative initiatives taken by the new Commission. As regards electricity, it is unlikely that the Commission launches any amendment process before 2021 with the exception of possible technical clarifications of provisions on terms and conditions or methodologies in the market guidelines and the System Operation Guideline following the Court decision on CCR (see above). Obviously, preparatory work by ENTSO-E and ENTSOG can start already in 2020, including on CACM and the grid connection Network Codes.

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4. Clean energy package (CEP) implementation

Conclusions

- EC/ACER/ENTSO-E agree that the aim is to meet the legal deadlines while having good quality deliverables. The early submission of the draft methodology by ENTSO-E to ACER and the NRAs/ACER's shadow opinion are crucial in this process to achieve mutual understanding of expectations and adapt the draft methodology accordingly and on time.

5. Translation costs of ACER

Conclusions

- The NC IMG noted that ACER Decisions are not of general application, hence do not need to be translated into all official languages. Nevertheless, with an increasing number of addressees of decisions requiring translations, costs will increase which will need to be taken into account in future budget preparations.

6. AOB

Conclusions

- The NC IMG welcomed the close collaboration between ENTSO-E, ACER and EC on the methodologies in the context of the provisions on capacity mechanisms and concluded that EC and ACER comments on the draft methodologies should be duly taken into account.
- The current frequency of meetings (two per year with possible ad-hoc meetings in between) will be maintained.