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Subject: Invitation to start the procedure on the development of a network code on DSO and industrial load grid connection rules in electricity

Dear Mr Dobbeni,

On 20 July 2011 the European Commission received from ACER the framework guideline on grid connection in electricity adopted on the same date. As indicated in our letter of 29 July 2011, the Commission considers that this framework guideline contributes to non-discrimination, effective competition, and the efficient functioning of the internal market. In accordance with Article 6 (6) of Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009, we requested ENTSO-E to submit to ACER by 31 March 2012 a network code in line with this framework guideline covering all elements of the framework guideline except the connection of Distribution System Operators and Industrial Load. For the latter, we indicated that a separate network code mandate would be sent in the beginning of 2012 in accordance with the 3-year planning agreed in the Planning Group.

On that basis, we are now requesting ENTSO-E to develop a network code on DSO and industrial load grid connection rules in electricity within a period of one year from the date of this letter.

In order to take into account the legitimate considerations of other stakeholders concerned, such as most importantly in this case DSOs and industrial users, ENTSO-E should engage in genuine stakeholder consultations. The main policy options taken in the code should moreover be underpinned by an impact assessment.

In that respect, we would appreciate if you could communicate to us your planning for the development of the network code, in particular how you intend to consult with stakeholders.

The Commission services are at your disposal to discuss any questions which may arise regarding this letter or in the course of drafting the network code.

Yours sincerely,



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