

REstore response to Elia's consultation

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STRATEGIC RESERVE: INPUT DATA FOR DETERMINING THE VOLUME FOR WINTER 2019-2020

Market response – Volumes to be taken into account

REstore believes that the volumes of demand reacting to the market prices that are extrapolated for the winters 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 should not be calculated based on the E-Cube survey, but rather keeping the last observed figure, *i.e* the 2017/18 winter.

Indeed, the amount of demand that reacts to markets prices should not be seen as a linearly progressing technology like classic generation: such MWs are very agile and are not "installed" as such. They can be further mobilized if required, with very high sudden growth rates depending on the market context but can therefore also be less important from a year to another if the context is less scarce.

Therefore, we believe the safest hypothesis is to retain, for a given exercise, the most recent observed amount of response rather than building growth rates per year.

At the very least, if this approach is not retained REstore supports that lower growth rates which were used in the previous methodology are retained, rather than the more ambitious figures retained by E-Cube.