

14 March 2012

To: all stakeholders with an interest in the "Demand Connection Code"

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: Open invitation for membership to user group on "Demand Connection Code"

Context

On 5 January ENTSO-E received a mandate letter from the EC for the development of a Network Code on DSO and industrial load grid connection rules in electricity within a one year period. It is referred to by ENTSO-E as the 'Demand Connection Code' (DCC)¹. This Network Code is to be in line with ACER's framework guidelines on electricity grid connections, published on 20 July 2011. At present, this is the second Network Code under development in line with these guidelines after the Network Code for "Requirements for Grid Connection applicable to all Generators"².

Status & next steps

ENTSO-E started the scoping work for the DCC already mid 2011 before receiving the EC mandate. In that period early bilateral meetings were conducted with relevant stakeholder associations in the context of DCC to discuss the principles on which to draft this code, followed by discussions on preliminary drafts. The minutes of these meetings are accessible on the ENTSO-E website. Associations that participated in these bilateral meetings are:

- DSO Technical Expert Group with members appointed by CEDEC, EDSO-SG, Eurelectric DSO, Geode;
- IFIEC Europe;
- CENELEC;
- CECED.

These early discussions allowed for the publication of a preliminary scope document on 22 February 2012³.

The continuing public consultation process will take a two-step approach:

- *Step 1 – April:* A survey will be published listing options that can be taken in the DCC and requesting stakeholder opinions on this. In addition where some requirements deviate from present practices, a Cost Benefit Analysis methodology will be provided and data contributions by stakeholders will be requested.
- *Step 2 – end of June to early September:* A formal web-based consultation will be open on the draft code. The motivation for the code will be based on the output of Step 1.

¹ <https://www.entsoe.eu/resources/network-codes/demand-connection/>

² <https://www.entsoe.eu/resources/network-codes/requirements-for-generators/>

³ https://www.entsoe.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/library/consultations/Network_Code_DCC/120222-Demand_Connection_Code_-_preliminary_scope.pdf

User group role

At the start of the Step 1 consultation, ENTSO-E initiates a stakeholder user-group to discuss the ongoing development of the DCC in terms of the approach of the Step 1 consultation, the processing of its outcome and the consultation on a draft code.

In line with Reg. (EC) 714/2009, the outcome of all these meetings will be public.

To date, the following meetings have been set by ENTSO-E:

- 19 April 2012: day after the ENTSO-E public DCC workshop – discussing the Step 1 consultation
- Early July 2012: at the start of the Step 2 consultation of the draft DCC
- Mid September 2012: analyzing the comments provided in the Step 2 consultation

Additional dates may be added. The user group will have a limited duration in time until the end of 2012 after which time ENTSO-E plans to submit the code to ACER.

User group participation

This invitation is pro-actively sent to all associations with whom ENTSO-E already conducted formal bilateral meetings in the development of the DCC.

In addition, user group participation is open to European-wide associations representing members who have a direct stake in the context of the DCC, based on items mentioned in the preliminary scope document, and which are not yet represented by the before mentioned associations. National associations can be accepted in which case ENTSO-E will motivate its decision. The final decision of acceptance of all participating associations lies with ENTSO-E.

Participating associations can nominate a maximum of two experts with a continuous attendance in these user group meetings.

Associations are requested to express their interest and nominations of experts (including affiliation and mail address) via message to Mr. Edwin Haesen (edwin.haesen@entsoe.eu) by 30 March 2012.