

Minutes of Meeting of 6th Expert Working Group

Present: J. Gheury (CREG), T. Van Craenenbroeck (VREG), L. Decoster (Eandis), L. Degroote (Eandis), D. Benzennou (Sibelga), A. Leroux (Tecteo), D. Deong (Tecteo), D. Halkin (ORES), B. Gouverneur (Synergrid), PJ Mermans (Resore), D. Jong (Anode), F. Demaret (EDF-Luminus), S. Harlem (Febeg), H. Taverniers (Eon-Benelux), P.Ottoy (ELIA), A. Tsiokanos (ELIA), T. Desmet (ELIA), H. Vandenbroucke (ELIA)

Agenda

- Welcome and MoM of 5th Expert WG on Oct 24th
- R3 DP 2014 1st feedback on Test Activations
- Product Design
- Planning Tendering
- Contract DSO-BSP
- DSO Prequalification process
- Noodgroepen

H. Vandenbroucke (ELIA) provides an overview of the main messages resulting from the lessons learnt as presented during the 5th Expert Working Group on Oct 24th (cf slide 3). A 1st feedback is given with respect to the 2 test activations performed on Feb 13th and Feb 25th. Despite a too late reaction on Feb 13th resulting in a non-successful activation, both test activations succeeded in applying the full requested volume of 50MW with 15'. In some case it was noticed that the activated volume per qualified EAN was higher than the prequalified volume. Overall ELA considered these test activations as successful.

For 2015, ELIA will maintain the current product design with maximum 40 activations (within 15') of 2hr with at least 12hrs between 2 consecutive activations. Important to note is that generation units that are subject to a CIPU-contract with ELIA will not be eligible to take part in a R3DP-contract. Moreover, ELIA will perform at least 1 test activation in 2015 to assess the performance of the contracted R3DP –volume. This test activation will be subject to the penalties as foreseen in the R3DP-contract in case of non-compliance. As noticed during the test activations, ELIA will not account for (and hence remunerate) any activated volume above the prequalified volume per access point. This will be a minor change in the formula on how to calculate the aggregated offtake for the pool of the BSP. ELIA and the DSOs will facilitate the quasi-real time notification of exact activated volume within BRP-perimeter towards the respective BRPs. ELIA and the DSO are working on the modalities thereto. Finally, ELIA proposed to increase the R3DP-volume for 2015 to 100MW. All participants to the Expert Working Group welcomed this increase. The DSOs will provide shortly their joint opinion as not all members were present.

ELIA will apply the same prequalification process in 2015 as it performed in 2014. However, the ELIA prequalification process will follow on the DSO prequalification process, resulting in a sequential process.

Finally, the 2015 planning for R3DP is presented. On June 1st, the tendering for R3DP will start. On June 15th, all prequalification requests need to be submitted to the DSOs and ELIA. Prior to August 31st, each participant will receive a feedback on the submitted prequalification request by the DSO or ELIA. Participants that have received a “conditional green” status in the DSO-prequalification procedure have to submit before September 19th proof of commitment to comply with requested changes, as stipulated in the prequalification outcome. A proof of commitment will result in a full green status. ELIA will only accept access points in the final offer based on full green status.

At the latest on September 19th, participants must submit their final offer to ELIA, accompanied by at least a signed Dynamic GU declaration, a technical proof of the ability to deliver the requested R3DP service and a valid prequalification delivered by the respective DSO or ELIA. By early October ELIA shall communicate the outcome of the selection procedure for R3DP 2015. Prior to the start of the R3DP 2015 service on January 1st 2015, the ELIA-BSP contract must be signed. Two necessary conditions for signature of the latter contract are a signed DSO-BSP contract plus the delivery by the DSO of a “Final Operational Notification” (cf infra).

B. Gouverneur (Synergrid) presented on behalf of the DSOs the status on the BSP-DSO contract and the DSO prequalification process for R3DP 2015. Main change compared to the 2014 DSO-BSP-contract is the split into 2 documents: a DSO-BSP contract + the Synergrid C8/01 document. Whereas the latter is applicable to candidates-BSP, the contract DSO-BSP is solely applicable to selected BSPs. Both documents are available on the Synergrid-website, for public consultation until April 21st, 2014. Direct link to the consultation : <http://www.synergrid.be/index.cfm?PageID=16824>. Important to notice is the explicit ‘new’ requirement that the activated volume cannot exceed the qualified volume. B. Gouverneur provides an overview of the main components embedded in the Synergrid C8/01 document, including the validity of the prequalification (only for 2015), the eligibility & compliance check (inter alii a connection agreement above 100 kVA (compared 250 kVA in 2014)), the result of the prequalification (inter alii the orange and conditional green status) and the conditions for obtaining a Final Operational Notification”. Finally, the advanced pro rata selection method is explained. This can also be found in the annex of the ELIA-BSP-contract.

Remarks and feedback from the public consultation shall be sent to the regulators in full transparency. The objective is to have both documents approved by regulators prior to June 15th.

L. Degroote (Eandis) presents the Eandis position with respect to the use of “Noodgroepen”. This presentation is highlighting the main principles and rationale behind the letter from by Eandis sent on Feb 14th to all participants and concerned access points in view of the R3DOP 2014 prequalification procedure within Eandis service area. The presentation focuses on the definition and the applicable regime for operating “noodgroepen”. It is agreed that Eandis will send a letter clarifying their initial letter.

T. Van Craenenbroeck (VREG) assesses Eandis position as lacking transparency and possibly constraining the emergence of flexibility in DSO-grid. L. Degroote refers to C10/11 existing framework. T. Van Craenenbrouck replies that there is no regulatory nor public framework known and urges for a joint DSO- approach.

PJ-Mermans (Restore) proposes to allow stakeholders presenting their views during next Expert Working Group on the future evolutions related to R3DP 2016.