

## Minutes of meeting Balancing Taskforce 05/10/2016

### List of participants:

| Company/association | Name                     | Present | Excused |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Rwe                 | Alice Barrs              | X       |         |
| EDF Luminus         | Halida Benaïche          | X       |         |
| YUSO                | Jonas Boury              | X       |         |
| Vynova              | Michel Ceusters          | X       |         |
| Engie               | Xavier Coppin            | X       |         |
| Eni Gas & Power     | Florent Dalez            | X       |         |
| Creg                | Patricia Debrigode       | X       |         |
| Ores                | Nicolas Decoster         | X       |         |
| Electrabel          | Valentijn Demeyer        | X       |         |
| Ode Be              | Alice Detollenaere       |         | X       |
| Edf Luminus         | Bram Dewispelaere        | X       |         |
| Engie               | Loic Donnay de Casteau   | X       |         |
| Creg                | Jacques Gheury           | X       |         |
| Febeg               | Steven Harlem            | X       |         |
| Lampiris            | Annabelle Jacquet        | X       |         |
| Next-Kraftwerke     | Paul Kreutzkamp          | X       |         |
| Actility            | Arnaud Latiers           | X       |         |
| Edora               | Noémie Laumont           | X       |         |
| Creg                | Brice Libert             | X       |         |
| Teamwise            | Rob Loos                 | X       |         |
| WOM                 | Herman Marien            | X       |         |
| Economie Fgov       | Ludovic Mouffe           | X       |         |
| Vreg                | Pauline Ottoy            | X       |         |
| Resa Tecteo         | Nicky Pirard             | X       |         |
| Restore             | Geert Ramault            | X       |         |
| Restore             | Peter Schell             | X       |         |
| Power Pulse         | Hans Taverniers          | X       |         |
| Febeliec            | Michaël Van Bossuyt      | X       |         |
| Engie               | Olivier Vandenkerckhove  | X       |         |
| Energy-Pool         | Alain Vandevenne         | X       |         |
| Basf                | Eric Verrydt             | X       |         |
| Energy-pool         | Benedicte Vignoboul      | X       |         |
| Elia                | James Matthys-Donnadieu  | X       |         |
| Elia                | Bob Hebb                 | X       |         |
| Elia                | Sofie Van den waeyenberg | X       |         |
| Elia                | Patrik Buijs             | X       |         |

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| Elia | Alexandre Pitsaer | X |  |
| Elia | Tom Desmet        | X |  |
| Elia | Hans Vandebroucke | X |  |
| Elia | Amandine Leroux   | X |  |

## **Minutes of meeting :**

All agenda items were supported by presentations prepared by Elia. These slides serve as background for these minutes and can be found on the ELIA website under [http://www.elia.be/en/users-group/Working-Group\\_Balancing/Agenda-ad-hoc-werkgroep-balancing](http://www.elia.be/en/users-group/Working-Group_Balancing/Agenda-ad-hoc-werkgroep-balancing)

### **- Agenda for the balancing taskforce of 5/10/2016**

- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 15/06/2016
- Pilot BidLadder: Feedback consultation public design note
- R3 2017: Prequalification process & State of affairs
- Pilot project R2 non-CIPU
- R1 update
- Website Working Group Balancing
- Varia

### **- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 15/06/2016**

The draft minutes of the previous taskforce were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting; remarks on the meeting minutes could be sent to [usersgroup@elia.be](mailto:usersgroup@elia.be).

FEBEG requested to explicitly add to the minutes two statements by the EFET representative on the R3 2017 project: one concerning the scope of secondary markets and one concerning the modalities for CIPU versus non-CIPU units.

There are no other remarks of the Task Force members. The minutes are approved by the taskforce. The minutes will be adapted accordingly (updates in blue indicated with "[MoM update]") and published on the website of the task force:

[Link to the minutes of the WG Balancing 15/06/2016 on elia.be](#)

### **- Pilot BidLadder: Feedback consultation public design note**

*Hans Vandebroucke presents an overview of the feedback that Elia received in the consultation on the public design note held from August 10 to September 8 2016, as well as the time plan until the GO LIVE on June 30 2017.*

*Elia received numerous responses to the consultation. James Matthys-Donnadieu thanks the members of the working group for their efforts and contributions.*

There were some questions from the working group members:

- In response to FEBELIEC, Elia clarified that the choice not to include the possibility of multiple BSP per delivery point in the pilot project does not entail a definite decision to rule out the option in the future.

- Regarding the legal constraints at the regional level in Flanders for the implementation of ToE, the VREG emphasizes that it only concerns a legal obstacle (only a reference to the federal Grid Code while a reference to the Electricity Law is currently lacking in the 'Technisch Reglement Plaatselijk Vervoernet van Elektriciteit') that the VREG will support to resolve. The VREG is looking into several options and will publish an opinion as quickly as possible to advice on how the concerning legislation can be made coherent with the Federal legislation. VREG is optimistic that the solution can be in place by 1/7/2017 but points out that this depends on the speed of the legislation changes for which VREG is not responsible. [MoM update]

Elia indicates that even if the legislation would not be available in order to include ToE in the scope of the first BidLadder release, Elia is committed to include the ToE modalities in the bidladder once the legal framework will be there. In that case a communication will follow in due time, also concerning a joint approach with CDS operators.

Economie FGOV declares that a proposal for the legal framework should be discussed between Ministers in the coming weeks.

Restore asks what exactly is needed to consider that the law will come into force (publication in the official gazette or something else). It is yet unclear. The legal department of Elia is together with the regulator assessing what is needed, aiming for an ambitious yet pragmatic approach.

### - **R3 2017: Prequalification process & State of affairs**

*Alexandre Pitsaer presents the state of affairs in the R3 2017 project and the modalities for the prequalification process (both for the first auction as for the recurring auctions in case of pool modifications).*

*James Matthys-Donnadieu emphasizes that the timings for prequalifications and the first auction are short and therefore the implementation will be strict. James invites the working group members to contact Elia's Customer Relations Department (Amandine Leroux or Aimilios Orfanos) as quickly as possible if they have questions to avoid missing out on the auction.*

There were some questions from the working group members:

- Some clarifications after questions of Restore:
  - Regarding the volume to be sourced, Elia recalls that a total volume of R3 of 780 MW is to be sourced with a maximum of 200 MW of ICH (yearly auction) and a minimum of 250 MW of R3 Standard (monthly auctions) auctions. The volume of R3 Flex to be sourced in the monthly auctions will fill the gap between the volume of ICH already sourced and the offers of R3 Standard selected. The value of 330 MW on the slide for R3 Flex is indicative and is valid in case 200 MW of ICH and 250 R3 Standard are sourced.
  - NFS: occur every three months.
  - The results of a test in month M (if requested on time i.e. 15 working days before the end of the month) will be know before the first day of month M+1 as the provider needs to know the new Pmax value.
- Restore asks whether there is more known about the future evolution of availability controls. Elia explains that fundamental changes in availability

controls will be analyzed in the R1 project concerning participation of batteries (deadline April 2017). Afterwards Elia will look at the application of the outcome for R3.

- After a question of Vynova Elia assures that the results of the ICH selection will be available before the first auctions of R3 Flex.
- Teamwise appreciates that when adding a new delivery point to an existing pool, the FSP has the possibility to test the new delivery point separately (a test of the complete pool is optional but not required). Teamwise asks why when upgrading an existing pool of R3 Flex to R3 Standard the whole pool needs to be retested and not only the DP(s) that will provide the R3 Standard. Elia explains that when a pool (initially providing only R3 Flex) starts providing R3 Standard, it could have a negative impact on its capability to provide R3 Flex (example: 4 delivery points of 1 MW with potentially 2 hours activation can together either deliver 4 MW R3 Flex or 1 MW R3 Standard). Therefore Elia wants to retest the complete pool delivering the services R3 Standard and R3 Flex combined. Elia believes the complexity of this case calls for tests of the whole pool but welcomes any input from the working group members to start a discussion. Elia supports the elimination of unnecessary constraints as long as it does not diminish the guaranteed availability of the service.

#### - **Pilot project R2 non-CIPU**

*Bob Hebb presents the timeline and candidate overview for participation to the R2 non-CIPU pilot project.*

- Restore finds it interesting that the candidates offered different sources for R2 and suggests including this diversity of assets in the pilot project. Elia indeed intends to select more than one party for the project. More details will be communicated later on.
- Economie FGOV asks about the MWh offered by the candidates (if not confidential). Elia replies that the order of magnitude ranges from 1 MW to tens of MW.

#### - **R1 update**

*Bob Hebb presents the state of affairs in the R1 project timeline. The requirements to participate to primary control were discussed in the workshop in June and published in the design note. The design note explains the technical requirements to participate to R1 and refers to the European Guidelines, where some aspects still remain open at this day. Elia highlights that these aspects may therefore still change in the future depending on the decision making for European harmonization.*

*The market design note will be published in November and explained during the Working Group Balancing meeting of 7/11 as well as a R1 dedicated workshop on 10/11.*

- After a question of EDF Luminus Elia confirms that the requirement for the energy content is 25' based on Elia's interpretation of the European Guidelines (still subject to change, but Elia prefers to continue rather than await certainty in the European Network Codes). Restore asks whether Elia will discuss these issues the next day during the meeting with all TSO's. The TSO meeting (where Benjamin Genêt will be present for Elia) will discuss different topics. A timeslot

is foreseen where stakeholders can make comments regarding other topics. Elia explains that the energy requirements for batteries might change subject to the outcome of the CBA which needs to be performed 1 year after entry into force of the system operations guideline. Elia will respect the recommendation made based on this CBA and might hence change the current proposed 25min energy requirement in the future.

- **Website Working Group Balancing**

*Sofie Van den waeyenberg present the new structure for the web pages of Working Group Balancing that will be online by the end of October.*

- **Varia**

James Matthys-Donnadieu announces to the working group that the Step 2 of the ID Quick Win project aiming at integrating the Belgian Intraday market with the French, Dutch, German, Suisse and Austrian Intraday market went live successfully. First feedback is positive; an official communication will follow to confirm.

- **Next meeting**

*The next meeting of the Working Group Balancing will take place on Monday 7 November before noon.*