

## Minutes of meeting Working Group Balancing 15/05/2017

### List of participants:

Company/association	Name	Present	Excused
Actility	Arnout Aertgeerts		X
Actility	Arnaud Latiers	X	
BASF	Eric Verrydt	X	
CREG	Patricia Debrigode	X	
CREG	Jacques Gheury	X	
CREG	Brice Libert	X	
CREG	Gilles Wilmart	X	
EDF Luminus	Halida Benaiche	X	
EDF Luminus	Bram Dewispelaere	X	
Electrabel	Valentijn Demeyer	X	
Eneco	Glenn Plancke	X	
Engie	Xavier Coppin		X
Engie	Olivier Vandekerckhove	X	
Engie	Wouter Van Melkebeek	X	
Eon-Benelux	Jean-François Williame	X	
Direct-Energy	Antoine Bourdon	X	
FEBEG	Steven Harlem	X	
FOD	Senne Gabriels	X	
FOD	Katrien Selderslaghs	X	
Lampiris	Nicolas Vandamme	X	
Next-Kraftwerke	Jan De Decker		X
Next-Kraftwerke	Carlos Dierckx	X	
Rent a Port Green Energy Company	Pierre Bayart	X	
Rent a Port Green Energy Company	Guido Camps	X	
RESA	Marie Devillet	X	
REstore	Donald Gilbert	X	
REstore	Peter Schell	X	
Teamwise	Rob Loos	X	
Vynova	Michel Ceusters	X	
YUSO	Bart Pycke	X	
Elia	James Matthys-Donnadieu	X	
Elia	Bob Hebb	X	
Elia	Jean-Christophe Cattrysse	X	
Elia	Patrik Buijs	X	
Elia	Sofie Van den waeyenberg	X	
Elia	Sébastien Rousseaux	X	
Elia	Amandine Leroux	X	

Elia	Aimilios Orfanos	X	
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### **Minutes of meeting:**

All agenda items were supported by presentations prepared by Elia. The 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 of the WG Balancing meeting on 15/05/2017**

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 30/03/2017
2. Start iCAROS-project: Towards a new EU Network Code compliant approach for the coordination of assets for system operations & market procedures
3. Bid ladder implementation: status
4. Merit order activation between contracted and non-contracted mFRR: business rationale, legal barrier and proposal for next steps
5. Modification Balancing rules: access to balancing market by assets delivering strategic reserves
6. AOB

The agenda-item Dossier volumes 2018 which was announced by mail was not presented. There was a misinterpretation by Elia regarding the approval calendar. As the CREG did not approve yet the volumes 2018 it was not possible to give a presentation regarding this topic. The Dossier volumes 2018 will be presented in the next WG Balancing meeting.

#### **1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 10/02/2016**

The draft minutes of the previous Working Group were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting.

No comments were received and the final version is available on the Elia [website](#).

#### **2 Start iCAROS-project**

*Sofie Van den waeyenberg presents the start of the iCAROS project: "Towards a new EU Network Code compliant approach for the coordination of assets for system operations & market procedures".*

The public consultation regarding the maximum capacity thresholds type B, C, D (cf. NC RfG art. 5.3) will be launched by the end of this week (week 20). Elia indicates that in the light of the more stringent requirements for smaller units, further analysis is needed to see how communications (e.g. submission of schedules) for these units should be organised. Therefore it is important that all potential involved stakeholders are participating to the workshops.

- BASF asks who is currently sending the necessary information for a production unit situated within a closed distribution system (CDS). Elia replies that this communication is done through the responsible BRP.

- Direct-Energy asks if there is already a timing for the implementation available. Elia indicates that it is not yet possible to give an idea of the timing. The idea is to first finalize the design (which shall be consulted upon) and thereafter to perform an in depth impact assessment (together with the market parties) in order to determine a realistic implementation plan..
- In response to Restore Elia clarifies that the dedicated taskforce will in first instance focus on TSO-connected units, but that it will be in contact with DSOs on the matter of DSO-connected units.

### 3 Bid ladder implementation: status

*Aimilios Orfanos presents the status of the Bid ladder implementation project.*

- In response to a question from Restore, Elia clarifies that the format for a bilateral agreement between BSP, BRP<sub>BSP</sub>, BRP<sub>SOURCE</sub> and Supplier as required by the General Framework Agreement is defined in the annexes of the GFA, i.e. the "joint agreement" also commonly known as "opt-out"-agreement. The goal of this agreement is to receive confirmation that all involved parties/roles are aware that the delivery point will be used for a service offered by the BSP and the Transfer of Energy consequences this may create. The CREG and Elia add that such an agreement is a requirement resulting from the market model for Transfer of Energy chosen and allows implementation of the concept as of July 2017.

*The status of the implementation project is followed by a demo of the user interface presented by Sébastien Rousseaux.*

- In response to a question from EDF Luminus, Elia indicates that the interfaces of Bidladder and Reserves will both be handled by BMAP, but it is imaginable that other process will be integrated as well in the future.
- YUSO and EDF Luminus ask if a programming interface next to the graphical user interface (GUI) will be foreseen. Elia confirms that an Application Programming Interface (API) will be foreseen, although not yet in the pilot phase.
- In response to a question from EDF Luminus, Elia clarifies that activation control is performed at pool-level (i.e. the sum of all delivery points participating in a bid) and not a delivery point level. Nevertheless, the information on the volume delivered per quarter hour per delivery point is required from the BRP at the start and at the end of the activation period in order to allow Elia to inform the respective BRPs for preventing any counterbalancing actions. Whereas on the information provided at the start of the activation a 'best effort' commitment from the BSP is asked in the GFA, for the information provided at the end of the activation period performance indicators are foreseen in the GFA.

Finally, Elia stresses the importance of correctness of the data submitted for this process (bid volumes, prices,...). The fact that this process is conducted close to real time leaves very little margin for correction of erroneous data.

#### **4 Merit order activation between contracted and non-contracted mFRR**

*Bob Hebb presents Elia's proposal to change the order of activation between contracted and non-contracted mFRR in the Federal Grid Code. Elia hereby responds to the feedback received from market parties at multiple occasions (e.g. survey on extension of secondary markets).*

Elia mentions that the distinction between CIPU and non-CIPU units was not made in the examples shown on slide for the sake of clarity. Elia confirms however that the need for an activation price is a pre-requisite for the implementation of a common merit order. The possibility to have an activation price for all contracted mFRR bids (i.e. also for the non-CIPU bids) is linked to the entry into force and implementation of a Transfer of Energy mechanism.

REstore adds that this provides a good example of the need of Transfer of Energy legislation.

Analysis of the feasibility (IT implications) is currently ongoing, but Elia is hopeful that implementation could be ready in Q4 of 2018.

The Working Group Balancing acknowledges the fact that the proposed change in the Federal Grid Code requires a recommendation through the User's Group and confirms the approach and next step presented by Elia.

In response to a question from Rent-a-Port Green Energy, Elia explains that currently the remuneration of balancing energy is based on the pay-as-bid principle. Elia will perform this year - as announced in a previous WG balancing meeting - a study regarding application of pay-as-cleared remuneration. The results of this study will be consulted with the market parties in Q3/Q4 2017 .

#### **5 Modification Balancing rules: access to balancing market by assets delivering strategic reserves**

*Bob Hebb presents the proposed change to the Balancing rules regarding access to the balancing market for assets delivering strategic reserves.*

A draft decision by the CREG is expected in the coming weeks.

#### **6 AOB**

- Rent-a-Port Green Energy asks Elia to clarify the reference to the "2 to 4 CCGT" units as referred to on page 82 of Elia's Adequacy study published in April 2016. Elia explains that this reference ought to be understood in the context of Elia's flexibility needs in the future, and in particular the anticipated growing need for aFRR reserves. These reserves can currently only be provided (due to technical requirements) by gas fire power plants. As long as the technical and economical ability for other technologies to provide aFRR has not been proven, gas fired power plants will remain necessary to provide aFRR. It is exactly for this reason that Elia has set up the pilot project "R2 non CIPU", i.e. to test if other technologies than gas fired power plants can deliver aFRR. The amount ("2 to 4") is linked to the necessity to have competitive bids (i.e. competition) as well as (technical) redundancy to deal with forced outages and plant maintenance.*