

## Reaction of REstore on the consultation on “Calculation SR volume winter 2016-2017”

Tuesday 30/06/2015.

Dear Elia,

Thank you very much for including us in the consultation regarding the volume determination for the strategic reserves for 2016-2017 . Determining the volume of the strategic reserve is not a core competence of the DR aggregators and therefore we do not have a detailed point of view on the matter. What is important for us is the **certainty** of the business opportunity to participate via the SDR product. Our flex providers, i.e. the TGO and DGO connected grid users need as much certainty as is possible to be convinced to change their behavior and offer their flexibility to Elia. Uncertainty about the business opportunity is a direct barrier to the growth of SDR and therefore the liquidity in the SR market leading to higher prices.

We are convinced Elia and the government can improve on the current process to reduce uncertainty on the volumes significantly at all steps of the process. We are further convinced that this will have a positive impact on the market and reduce the total cost of SR to the benefit of the system and in-line with Elia’s mission. Further a more **compact timeline** allowing a longer sourcing window (the time between final product spec and auction) would also be beneficial to the growth of SDR with this a reduced total cost of SR.

Kind Regards

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