

Public Consultation “Modifications to the ARP contract”
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Explanatory note of the modifications proposed by Elia to the ARP

I. General Introduction

The changes to the ARP contract are required to take account of the new intraday capacity allocation method on the interconnections France-Belgium and Netherlands-Belgium, the so-called "Intraday Quick Wins".

These by Elia proposed changes to the contract of ARP are necessary to bring the contract in line with the technical functionalities of Elia's proposal on intraday capacity allocation method for the interconnections France-Belgium and Netherlands-Belgium. These functionalities have also been consulted by the CREG in the context of the draft decision (B) 151 210-CDC-1467 of the CREG of December, 15th 2015¹ concerning this proposal.

The proposal that Elia submitted for approval to the CREG contains several options with different timings of introduction. These options have been described in an explanatory note (only in FR), which explains the different stages of the introduction of the "intraday quick wins" and also the operational modalities concerning fallback, and the possibility of explicit allocation. The final option that will be approved by CREG will depend on the outcome of the consultation carried out by the CREG. The changes to the ARP contract as presented in this consultation are independent of the final option chosen.

Both this explanatory note, as the "Règles d'Allocation des capacités Infra-journalières sur l'Interconnexion France-Belgique (IFB rules), describing the procedure for the allocation of interconnection capacities, were added to the consultation page on the Elia website as additional information to this consultation paper.

The document that is the subject of this consultation is the Access Responsible Party (ARP) contract. The proposed additions and deletions are displayed in the text in track changes.

This consultation aims to obtain any comments from the concerned market parties. All comments received in this connection will be reported by name to the relevant regulators (CREG and VREG) in the files of official approval request of the changes to the ARP-contract. Elia will draft a consultation report that will be made available to all market players. At the request of the market players, their responses may be incorporated anonymously in this consultation paper.

This note explains briefly why the proposed changes were made.

II. Proposed amendments

Articles 1, 12.2.2, 12.3.4 en 12.4, Annexes 1, 3 en 5

The amendments are the following:

1. Article 1 (definition "Gate"), Article 12.4, Annex 5: the proposed amendments will ensure that the ARP contract is neutral relative to the number of gates as well as regarding the neutralization time applicable on the Intraday Nominations concerning Intraday Import and / Export between two Scheduling Areas. Additional technical information about these functionalities is described in the explanatory note and the IFB rules that were added to the consultation page on the Elia website (cf supra).

¹in Dutch (<http://www.creg.be/nl/consult.html>) or French (<http://www.creg.be/fr/consult.html>)

2. Article 1 (definition "Intraday Nominations"), Article 12.2.2 and 12.3.4, Appendix 3 and Appendix 5: the proposed amendments ensure that the ARP contract envisages that the Intraday Nominations concerning Intraday Import and / or export both may be submitted by an ARP as by Elia on behalf of an ARP (principle of 'nomination on behalf'). These adjustments are required for Intraday Nominations concerning Intraday Import and / or Export of capacity between the Scheduling Area operated by Elia and another Scheduling area, as soon as the «Intraday Capacity Service" (ICS) platform is being used. This includes the clarification that when Intraday Nominations are submitted by Elia on behalf of an ARP that these nominations may only be consulted by the concerned ARP via the Elia E-Nomination System on the Elia website.
3. Annex 1 and Annex 5: the proposed amendments ensure that the ARP contract is independent of the number of other Scheduling Areas to which the Scheduling Area, operated by Elia has exchanges concerning Intraday Import and / or Export.
4. Annex 1: the proposed amendments ensure that if CREG allows a "fallback" allocation mechanism based on an "explicit allocation" principle between the Scheduling Area, operated by Elia and one or more other Scheduling Areas, the ARP contract provides in this possibility.
5. Annex 5: the proposed amendments relate to the accuracy of cross-border intraday Nominations between the Scheduling Area, operated by Elia and another Scheduling Area, as soon as the «Intraday Capacity Service" (ICS) platform is being used, namely 0.1 MW.