

## **Generic Comments**

Hereby we would like to inform where we can find the confirmed timeline of the different steps of the tendering procedure for strategic reserve considering that fact that the current procedure appears to have a conditional character. To our understanding, the total volume of Strategic reserve may change until Elia starts the analysis of the received offers.

A validity period of the offer until 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2017 appears unfeasible considering the start of the contract validity period being November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. As simulation tests need to be performed and organizational aspects need to be implemented, the validity period of the offer does not seem to take these elements into account.

## **SGR specific comments**

- In case of a test performed by the SGR provider, no penalties should be born in case the Pmax is not reached. Only in case of a request for a test by Elia penalties could be applicable.

## **SDR specific comments**

- We would like to understand how emergency generators could participate in the strategic reserve. It is understood from the tendering procedure that these units are unable to participate under the definition of SDR units, but are allowed to participate under the SGR framework. Where it is understood that the power generating units should be treated on the basis of a level playing field, we fail to see any constraint to offer emergency generators within the SDR framework as long as they respect not to be active in the market during the five months winter period.
- Regarding the certification request practicalities, we would appreciate a clarification of the conditions and the timeline for the certifications. In case the deadline for the NFS study is March 1<sup>st</sup>, this would leave one month to contract clients correctly.
- Regarding the determination of the maximum reference power, it appears the proposed default takes the D-1 nomination of the ARP TSO headmeter access points as a reference. There is however the possibility that the day ahead nomination are far from the realized measured data due to unplanned events. Therefore we propose the possibility to opt for the X of Y method for these access points as well.