



**EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF
THE PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS OF THE T&C BRP
FOLLOWING THE INTEGRATION OF THE OFFSHORE STORM
MITIGATION PROCESS**

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This note serves as an explanation for the public consultation on the **proposal of amendments of the Terms and Conditions for Balance Responsible Parties** (hereafter referred to as “T&C BRP”). The purpose of this public consultation is to obtain feedback from involved market players. After the public consultation, Elia will provide a consultation report to all market parties.

All responses on this public consultation will be published on Elia’s website, except those comments for which market parties ask to treat their contribution as confidential. However, all responses on this public consultation will be submitted to the CREG in the context of the official approval procedure for the T&C BRP.

Market players have a period of **one month** to submit their comments. The responses must be submitted no later than the **16th of September 2019** via the online form on the Elia website. The draft proposal for the changes to the T&C BRP is available on the Elia website.

Questions regarding this proposal can be sent to the following email address: BMM_consult@elia.be

INTRODUCTION

Due to the expected significant increase of the Belgian offshore wind production, Elia has developed a specific procedure to handle storm events occurring in the North Sea. These storm events have indeed a large impact on the imbalance of the system as they can lead to large power drops of the offshore wind parks. A dedicated design note¹ describing the process to manage the storm events is available on the Elia website. The storm mitigation procedure will go-live in November 2019.

The integration of offshore wind parks and the management of storm events lead to specific obligations for the BRP's which are in charge of the access point of an offshore wind park. The proposed changes in the present T&C BRP result from the integration of these obligations. In particular, two main modifications are made:

- The inclusion of the storm-mitigation related obligations in the balance obligations of the BRP
- The inclusion of the storm mitigation operational procedure in a new appendix

In addition to changes related to offshore integration, some small modifications are also taken-up in the T&C BRP that have been requested by the CREG in decision (B)1913/2 of 27 May 2019² and by the VREG in decision BESL-2019-23 of 27 June 2019.

¹ The Offshore Integration design note can be consulted via the following link: http://www.elia.be/en/users-group/Working-Group_Balancing/Projects-and-Publications/Study-on-the-integration-of-offshore-wind-in-the-Belgian-balancing-zone

² <https://www.creg.be/sites/default/files/assets/Publications/Decisions/B1913-2NL.pdf>

1. Proposed changes

1.1. Clean-up of the document

Following comments from the VREG and the CREG, the following points have been modified:

- A wrong reference in the Articles 4 and 10.1 has been adapted, referring to the Article 1 of the BRP contract (which is part of the T&C BRP) instead of Article 1 of the T&C BRP.
- The definitions of “Power-generating module”, “BRP contract” and “Balance Responsible Party” in the Article 1 have been adapted to be aligned with the new Federal Grid Code of 22 April 2019 and to the EU Network Code RfG.
- The second paragraph of Article 9.3 has been adapted to better align the legal signification of the Dutch and French versions.
- A clarification has been added regarding the nomination for injection points relative to CIPU units located in distribution grid in the Article 24.3

1.2. Definitions

In Article 1 the “CIPU” definition has been adapted to take into account the expected replacement of the CIPU contract by the T&C SA and OPA.

The definition of “Storm event” has been added to give a description of the type of events for which the Storm mitigation process has to be applied.

The definition of “Offshore-power park module” has been added to describe the type of assets impacted by storm events.

1.3. Balancing obligations of the BRP

In Article 15 the obligations applied to the BRP’s in the context of the offshore integration and storm mitigation procedure have been added:

- The obligation to forecast and anticipate storm events
- The obligation to have forecasting tools able to detect storm events in advance
- The obligation to foresee mitigation measures to maintain the balance within their balancing perimeter
- The obligation to follow a specific communication procedure with Elia in order to anticipate the risk of a storm event and to allow Elia to well manage the storm event

1.4. Procedure to be followed in case of storm event

The Annex 6 has been added in the BRP contract in order to describe the Storm mitigation operational procedure to be followed by the BRP in case a storm is detected. The information to be exchanged and the actions to be taken by the BRP and Elia are detailed for each of the main following steps of a storm event:

1. The storm event detection
2. Before the storm event
3. Close to the storm event

4. During the storm event
5. After the storm event