

Incentive on aFRR activation method

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Contribution of Centrica Business Solutions to the proposal of Elia

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Executive summary

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CBS confirms to Elia that allowing for BSPs to deliver asymmetric ramps in the cases proposed in the consultation document will effectively bring meaningful benefits, in particular with regards to certain EMS strategies that will contribute to reduce overall costs a LER in aFRR. CBS therefore supports the proposal of Elia.

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In its report Elia highlights that a faster aFRR delivery could have a positive impact on DFDs. Elia points out a collective advantage of such an enhanced aFRR delivery, reducing the amount of FCR activated and potentially required. CBS supports this statement, and underlines that a faster FCR delivery could equally play a beneficial role in mitigating DFDs, as also highlighted in Elia's 2020 report on DFDs. Centrica therefore kindly asks Elia to further investigate this option at the ENTSO-E level, following the discussions that were initiated in 2020.

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