



Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 24th September & Smart Testing Workshop

Meeting	
Date	24/09/2020
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1. Agenda

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2. Report

1. Introduction and Validation of minutes

- Elia and the stakeholders of WG Balancing thank Jacques Gheury from CREG and share their appreciation for his years of commitment towards improving the Belgian balancing market.
- No comments are received on the minutes of meeting of the WG Balancing of 19th of June 2020. Minutes are approved.
- No comments are received on the minutes of meeting of the Workshop on scarcity of 2nd of July 2020. Minutes are approved.

2. Scarcity pricing

- Elia indicates that the material on Scarcity Pricing was not discussed beforehand with CREG.
- Febeliec asks whether the Omega is applied as of the 1st or the 2nd ISP (Slide 11, Orange arrow).
- Elia confirms that the Omega is applied as of the 2nd ISP.
- Febeliec asks to clarify why the Omega should not be applied in case of positive system imbalance.
- Elia explains that Omega is asymmetric in the sense that it aims to incentivize only against structural capacity shortages. If the Omega would apply in case of positive system imbalances, it may hamper appropriate balancing incentives.
- Febeliec indicates that if the imbalance price goes above the Value of Loss Load (VoLL), then the VoLL is too low. Febeliec additionally asks how the VoLL is calculated.
- Elia indicates that a VoLL is mentioned in the CORE Study. However, the idea is to calibrate the exact inputs towards the calculation of Omega in a second stage, after first discussing and deciding on the design and implementation of a scarcity pricing mechanism for Belgium by focusing on high-level principles.

3. Day Ahead Balance Obligation

- CREG indicates that BRPs are of course invited to propose additional publications in day-ahead, or new ones during the intraday timeframe, if any, that would assist them in being balanced or in helping the system to be balanced in real time.
- Febeliec indicates that their analysis on the Day Ahead balance obligation is ongoing to assess the impact on the overall cost for consumers, through increased risk and/or increased balancing capacity reservation costs and/or other effects.
- Yuso supports the proposal and thanks Elia for the continuous improvement and facilitation of the market.

- Febeliec indicates that the presented implementation plan seems to pre-conclude on an implementation while a public consultation is still on-going.
- Elia indicates that the implementation plan is only a high-level impact assessment and provides the different aspects to be taken into account. The decision on implementation will be taken by the end of the year based on the feedback of the stakeholders on the desirableness of all projects foreseen for the coming years (2021-2022). The stakeholders will have the opportunity to share their opinion on the overall implementation plan of the projects during the next WG Balancing. Even though the year 2020 was implementation heavy, major projects such as MARI (European mFRR balancing energy platform), PICASSO (European aFRR balancing energy platform) and iCAROS Phase 1 will keep Elia as well as the stakeholders busy.

4. aFRR Dimensioning

- No comments from the stakeholders.

5. Proposal for modification of the LFC Means

- Febeliec asks whether an availability lower than 99.0% for the mFRR sharing has been assessed to increase the contribution of mFRR reserve sharing above 250 MW.
- Elia indicates that 99.0% is the minimum reliability level it considered as 'firm' contracted balancing capacity cannot be replaced with non-firm reserve. The firmness is justified by this minimum reliability level.
- Febeliec remarks that the volume of shared upward mFRR is not even the equivalent of one contract.
- Elia explains that the available transmission capacity after the intra-day time frame plays an important role in determining whether mFRR is available. Elia monitors those availabilities and now pro-actively proposes to increase the contribution of sharing from 50 MW to 250 MW, without putting the system in danger.
- Febeliec asks whether there is difference between borders from the same synchronous area or from different synchronous area when taking into account reserve sharing.
- Elia explains that such difference does not have an impact when determining the contribution of mFRR sharing in the upward FRR means. From a FRR needs point of view, the UK-BE border plays a role in defining the (downward) need, depending on the export or import position of the Nemo Link Interconnector.
- Febeliec indicates that mFRR Flex product is cheaper than mFRR standard product.
- Elia explains that mFRR standard is more robust compared to mFRR Flex. An analysis on market liquidity is foreseen in Q1 2021 to assess whether the mFRR Flex product should be phased out.

6. Liquidity and price of Balancing products

- Febeliec asks whether there is a change in the number of BSPs due to Covid.
- Elia indicates that no impact has been noticed during the crisis.

7. new aFRR design: Go-live status

- Engie asks what are the foreseen changes in the publication such as activated balancing energy, aFRR energy bids ...
- Elia indicates that further effort is necessary on those transparency aspects and will communicate on it in the coming weeks.

AOB - RT DGO Allocation

- No comments from the stakeholders.

AOB - workshop of iCAROS on the 7th of October

- No comments from the stakeholders.

AOB - Study PAB/PAC

- No comments from the stakeholders.

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- No comments from the stakeholders.

9. Smart Testing Workshop

- Eneco asks whether there is an impact of the scores on the test regimes and whether the information is available to the BSP.
- Elia indicates that all information to compute the scores will be readily available for the BSPs to compute their own scores. The scoring systems aims to provide information on which CCTU and bids to select to perform the test. The test regimes which relies on the successful activation of BSPs are not impacted by the scoring systems.
- Febeliec asks whether Elia intends to do testing depending on systems conditions, for example when there is a need of balancing energy.
- Elia explains that system conditions are only considered during testing to ensure operational security of the system. Testing is not performed based on system imbalance.



3. Date for next meeting

- 28/10/2020 – 14:00 – 17:00 – WG Balancing
- 23/11/2020 – 13:00 – 16:00 – WG Balancing (Amended compared to previous communication)