

Minutes of Meeting TF “Implementation Strategic Reserve” April 23, 2018

Meeting location: ELIA Keizerslaan 20, 1000 Brussels

Meeting date: April 23, 2018 – 10h00 – 12h00

List of participants

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Agenda

- Status Tender Winter 2018/19
- Methodology Adequacy Study 2018
- Workplan SR design Winter 2019/20

Introduction

The chairperson (Mr. James Matthys-Donnadieu) opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting are published on the website of ELIA. All agenda items were supported by a presentation prepared by ELIA. The slides serve as a background for the minutes and are available on website of the Task Force ([link](#)).

Status Tender Winter 2018-19

Mr. David Osorio presented the status of the current Tender for strategic reserves. Elia received the offers and Elia will now prepare its report with the analysis of offers. After publication of the new Electricity Law, the agenda and its alignment with the potential law modification will be discussed.

Methodology Adequacy Study 2018

Mr. Daniel Huertas Hernando presents the methodology for the Adequacy Study, and explains the modifications compared to the previous study. The consultation on the methodology will be held between 23.04.2018 and 21.05.2018.

FEBELIEC asks if the new flow-based domains will be larger or smaller than the previous ones. ELIA explains that this analysis still needs to be conducted, but that one may expect that the conducted grid reinforcements may result in larger flow-based domains, but it is to be seen whether it impacts the constraints of the domain that are determining for the strategic reserves. A definite answer cannot be given at this stage.

ENGIE asks if the interconnector with Luxemburg will be taken into account. ELIA explains that this interconnection is currently not included in the market coupling and therefore not included in the adequacy study. A pilot, trial phase, is ongoing, but it will not be included in the analysis. Elia notes that there will be a paragraph on this interconnector in the consultation document.

FEBELIEC asks how the two new interconnections with Germany and United Kingdom may impact the results. ELIA explains that this analysis still needs to be conducted, but than one would expect an increase in the flow-based domains. Again, a definite answer cannot be given at this stage. Furthermore, ELIA notes that, as this information could be considered as market sensitive, the dissemination of it shall be done simultaneously to all market parties (at publication of the input data consultation).

ACTILITY asks why Elia is using slices of 100 MW, and if these slices are not too large given the volume needs (e.g. 500 MW). ELIA explains that this discussion is also held last years and repeats that analyses show that this resolution gives the right level of accuracy. Furthermore, it is also a common practice within ENTSOE and other TSOs. Elia does not see a reason at this moment to change the resolution used.

Workplan SR design Winter 2019-20

Mr. Kristof De Vos (Elia) presents an overview of the workplan for Winter 2019-20 concerning strategic reserve design aspects.

ENGIE asks if Elia already has an idea what will be the impact of the E-Law. ELIA answers that it is waiting for the publication of the (proposed) law. Elia hopes to discuss the design relevant elements before summer. ENGIE asks if the Functioning Rules for 2018-19 will be impacted. Elia answers that it hopes that the legislator takes into account the current tender process (and the approved functioning rules for upcoming winter period), and that these will not be impacted.

ELIA also notes that is hopes to discuss ToE after approval by CREG in the next task force before summer. EDF LUMINUS asks when the next task force is planned. ELIA answers the date is not fixed yet but foresees one, or two task force meetings before summer.

Q&A

FEBELIEC asks how a potential revision of volume will impact the tender. ELIA answers that it is aware that the current Ministerial Decree of 15/1 fixing the 500 MW volume allows for a revision of the volume until September 1 and it is aware this might have some consequences for potential SR suppliers (e.g. submetering contract to be conducted before contract awarding). ELIA commits to be as pragmatic as possible, but has to follow the law. FEBELIEC stresses that this revision in September is not a very welcomed evolution for SDR. It is also stressed by FEBEG that this is as well the case for SGR.

ENGIE asks if it would be possible for Elia to conduct a calculation of the impact on strategic reserve volume needs given the information that there is a return-to-market of a huge unit for winter 2018-19. It explains that this could be done in an informative framework, and not in the framework of the official process following the law. ELIA takes note of this request, and cannot confirm or decline at this moment. It explains it usually does not do calculation on demand and will investigate the request. FEBELIEC re-asks its question of previous task force meetings, i.e.: when/whether Elia will publish its study preceding the volume revision on previous winter 2017-18. Elia takes note of the question.

E.ON BENELUX asks how Elia explains that the contracted volume evolves from 750 MW in 2016-17 to 725 MW in 2017-18 when contracting from the same two units. Elia answers this follows the pre-qualified power of these units, which can change, for example, following the technical specifications of the units and/or small changes to the prevailing rules.

Closing

ELIA ends the meeting by asking TF members if they are interested in Elia organizing teleconference meetings (or allowing participation via teleconference) when facing a shorter agenda. FEBELIEC answers it prefers physical meetings, but it proposes to attach the taskforce meetings to the balancing working group meetings where possible. No other TF members expresses its preference for organizing teleconference meetings.

The chairman closes the meeting by thanking all parties for the constructive discussion.

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