

Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 08th of December

Meeting

Date	08/12/2021
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1. Agenda

1. Introduction and minutes
2. Baseline study: feedback public consultation and implementation plan
3. Study on a technology neutral framework for slow-start units: implementation plan
4. Designation of multiple BRPs on an access point: implementation plan
5. Consultation of the Dynamic Means study
6. Public Data exposure
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- Simplify: results and implementation plan
- EU Balancing Program update
- EMS for aFRR
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2. Report

1. Introduction and minutes

The minutes of meeting of the 22nd of WG Balancing are approved.

Eneco reminds Elia of questions related to previously approved Minutes of Meetings. Elia apologies for the delay in providing response and will get back to Eneco.

Elia explains that the alpha revision is not on the agenda today but will be discussed during a dedicated workshop on 13/12. Elia invites WG Balancing members to read the material upfront, to dedicate more time to discussions.

2. Baseline study: feedback public consultation and implementation plan

Eneco indicates that Febeg had remarks on the last-QH baselining method and ask whether this has been taken into account by Elia. Elia indicates that a response to this point has been provided in the consultation report. Elia invites Febeg to take bilateral contact, if necessary. The consultation report will be available by the end of the year or early next year.

3. Study on a technology neutral framework for slow-start units: implementation plan

Febeliec supports that Elia gains some time on the implementation by adapting the LFCBOA and Balancing Rules before the actual need for a technology neutral framework for slow start units is confirmed. Febeliec notes however that Elia should not underestimate the time needed by market parties to develop IT on their side after receiving clear requirements and, the time to establish the contract. Febeliec also welcomes the intended changes to the final report and invites Elia to already implement the IT part if there is an opportunity in the concerned IT tools. Elia takes notes of the comment of Febeliec and indicates that the aim is to reuse as much as possible existing tools and avoid specific developments to reduce time for IT implementation. This approach also brings benefits to market parties and keeps entry barriers as low as possible.

4. Designation of multiple BRPs on an access point: implementation plan

Febeliec remarks that the implementation plan foresees a Go-Live in 2 year due to the pre-requisite to have iCAROS implemented first. Febeliec indicates that the current delay in iCAROS is due to MARI, while iCAROS could be implemented first, without MARI. Elia acknowledges the remark of Febeliec and states that Elia will strive to not further delay iCAROS if MARI is delayed again in order to avoid that iCAROS becomes a bottleneck for other developments. Elia confirms the aim to proceed with iCAROS phase 1 in Q1 2023, but highlights that iCAROS implementation is also challenging for the market and that one need to make sure that everyone is ready.

Eoly Energy asks clarification of the role of the Scheduling Agent (SA). Elia clarifies that SA should remain at the level defined by iCAROS (i.e. in the example at the level of the technical unit). It is confirmed that this design point has not changed.

Eoly Energy indicates that the difference between the possibility for defining BRP and SA/BSP is not ideal and has little added value. Elia indicates that this design point is related to the 2nd phase of iCAROS rather than linked to the multiple BRPs design.

CBS indicates that it was hoping for more flexibility on the metering requirements and the possibility to use sub-metering. Elia indicates that the rationale is to reuse as much as possible the already existing metering requirements. If a Delivery Point is used for re-dispatching or for balancing, the relevant requirements shall be used. CBS indicates that it will contact Elia bilaterally on this matter.

Yuso asks whether the Balancing Delivery Point will be identified with EAN. Elia confirms that this is foreseen with the go-live of iCAROS phase 1 and is currently restructuring its database to have a harmonized identification, not only for scheduling but also for balancing.

Yuso supports the proposal but comments on the long implementation time. Yuso expresses doubts on the speed at which flexibility can be unlocked, especially at a distribution level. Elia reminds of the dependency of the multiple BRPs with the iCAROS project. Elia adds that it strives to be proactive and give some longer term perspective to the market but reiterates that significant implementation are being done in the short term.

Elia explains that the implementation of iCAROS fundamentally changes the IT systems as well as the operations. Elia proposes to give more insight on what iCAROS is (also on Elia side) to make the impact more visible for the WG Balancing. Yuso supports the proposal.

5. Consultation of the Dynamic Means study

Febeliec clarifies its consultation response with regards to filtering of historic data and account for future expected evolutions. Febeliec indicates that the machine will be learning based on data which do not reflect anymore the future situation (e.g. phase out of mFRR Flex). Febeliec feels that therefore, the data needs to be filtered out or corrected accordingly. Similarly for the future, new market models would not have yield data for the machine to learn from and therefore a more qualitative assessment on top of the machine learning is required.

Elia indicates that filtering of data requires proper justification to make sure the evolutions were not already accounted by the self-learning nature algorithms. Note that excluding periods can create a risk to not have enough data for the machine learning (e.g. filtering out of Covid impact). Elia explains that when new data becomes available the machine learning algorithm will automatically discard older ones and take into account new trends, which takes some times. Elia finally adds that machine learning is based on past data and accounting future evolutions is not straightforward. Febeliec summarizes that it only wants to remark that if it is possible, Elia should complement the machine learning methods with other tools or analyses to further increase intelligence.

6. Public Data exposure

Elia indicates that results of the enquiry will be presented in next WG Balancing meeting.

7. aFRR: publications on ETP after connection to PICASSO

No comments from the stakeholders.

AOB - Simplify: results and implementation plan

No comments from the stakeholders.

AOB - EU Balancing Program update

Febeliec asks whether the mFRR design note will be final. Elia indicates that the aim is to have a design note with all the open points clarified on Elia side. Elia shares that some points are still under discussions with CREG and may influence the date of issuance of the final design note.

Febeliec asks whether the design on the imbalance price will be consulted. Elia confirms that the impact from PICASSO on the imbalance price will be included in the public consultation of the Balancing Rules.

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Elia indicates that the discussions are still on-going internally and with CREG and cannot yet provide clarity. The discussion with the stakeholder will resume in January 2022. CBS insists that investment decisions are being taken for which the EMS is highly important, so the delay is disappointing. CBS would welcome the vision of the regulator on the topic. RAP-Green supports the remark of CBS but stresses also that it is more important for them to have a good outcome than a quick outcome. Elia indicates that only a limited number of points (which may be of importance for BSPs) remain open.

AOB - WG Balancing of 2022

Febeliec asks whether the WG Balancing of March 2022 can be moved. Elia will look into it.

3. Date for next meetings

- Workshop on the System Balance Philosophy: 13/12/2021 – 9:30-12:30