

Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 22nd of March

Meeting

Date	22/03/2023
Organiser	Jan Voet

Participants		Attended	Excused
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CBS	Benquey Romain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CBS	Peeters Stef	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Participants		Attended	Excused
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Report

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1. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. EU & BE Balancing Program Update
3. Public Consultation on Market Suspension Rules
4. Public Consultation on T&C and Procurement Process for Restoration Services
5. AOB:
 - a. PICASSO Pricing: status discussions
 - b. T&C BRP

2. Report

1. Introduction

- Agenda for today's WG Balancing is approved.
- MoM of the WG Balancing of 02/02/2023 are approved after correction of the attendance list.

2. EU & BE Balancing Program Update

- Febeliec reminds that timing should be provided on the discussions on BSP facilitation. Elia replies that the level of maturity of many market participants on bidding was not sufficient to start the discussion but that the discussions on the functionalities of maximum activation time and neutralization time can now start.
- Febeliec remarks that market parties not offering balancing services now may be interested in the future, so the communication needs to be broad enough.

- Febeliec points out that Elia reached 89 % of units in OP/SA contract to follow-up their implementation, asking if the others are aware. Elia confirms so and that nobody refused to provide an implementation plan.

3. Public Consultation on Market Suspension Rules

- Febeliec remarks that each TSO has a different strategy and asks what type of cooperation between TSOs would be established and what market activities can be actually suspended, considering some processes are EU-wide. In case of market suspension for IT issues in particular, Febeliec insists that the rules should be clearly defined. Elia explains that the actions defined by Elia would relate to local markets, and that EU processes could only be suspended if commonly decided by the TSOs. There is however no legal basis yet to establish formal rules for such TSO-coordination.
- Febeliec insists on the importance for the market parties to know what to do on their side in this kind of situation. Elia stresses they will be totally transparent with the significant grid users (SGUs) should such an event happen.
- Febeliec asks how the rules for suspension will be anchored in contractual framework. Elia explains that the rules will become part of the BSP and BRP contracts. Price formulas will be described in the tariffs approved by CREG. In the meantime, Elia presented the formula in a public consultation on the key elements of the tariff proposal.
- Febeliec supports the proposal for restoration tariff.
- Febeliec asks how the restoration of the market situation will be managed. Elia explains that once the system is sufficiently stable, Elia will communicate the moment when normal market rules apply again and restore relevant publications.
- Febeliec asks how settlement will take place in DSO grid with the use of synthetic load profiles. Elia responds that a mechanism such as with Atrias would be needed. Elia notes that a trade-off needs to be found between the complexity of the mechanisms established at DSO/CDSO level and the fairness of the solution between consumers.
- Febeliec asks to clarify whether some exoneration applies to storage in general, or only to batteries.
- Febeliec notes that in the Flemish Region, the supplier and the access holder may be two different parties.
- Febeliec asks why the rapidity of Elia's invoice is an important factor. Elia replies that it is more of an attention point than an issue, precising that the difference between the two options for the invoicing of the restoration price in respect of timing for the invoice is provided for transparency and completeness reasons.

4. Public Consultation on T&C and Procurement Process for Restoration Services

- Febeliec asks where the documents describing who can or must participate to the service can be found. Elia replies that participation is done on a voluntary basis, and that the conditions for participation are described in the T&C RSP.

- Febeliec asks what happens if not enough market parties wish to participate to the service. Elia replies that a 2nd tender is then organized and, should it still not be enough, the producers may be legally obliged to make an offer.
- Elia explains that a next revision of the T&C RSP is foreseen at the end of the year with more fundamental modifications and reminds there is a dedicated session being held on 30th March on the version that will be used for the tender this year.

5. AOB

- PICASSO Pricing: status discussions
 - Elia presents the status of the discussions at European level on the high prices observed on the EU aFRR platform. In particular, Elia explains the observation round presented in WG Balancing was also presented to European TSOs in the second week of March 2023. Elia indicates that other TSOs start expressing concerns on the level of prices on the PICASSO platform and their potential consequences on activation costs and/or imbalance prices.
 - Elia explains that the focus of ACER so far has been on the application of REMIT and that ACER does not seem willing to reconsider elements of the European design on pricing, although Elia showed in the observation round that bidding behavior is not the only concern (in particular for small countries with limited ATCs). Elia thanks the CREG for the support provided at European level in this discussion.
- T&C BRP
 - Elia reports that CREG took a decision on the T&C BRP, mentioning that some positive elements are included regarding the security of the system but that not all concerns of Elia are addressed. Elia explains that it will analyze the decision and possible next steps.
 - European Commodities insists on the need to have an imbalance price formula as soon as possible, as they have to define the price for their service for their customers. Elia commits to communicate as fast as possible the proposed formula. European Commodities also ask for a simulation of what the imbalance price would be with the different formulas applied to historical, representative data. Elia questions the relevance of such simulations, considering the unknown impact of the connection to PICASSO and MARI. Nevertheless, a great amount of data is published on Elia's website, which can be used by market parties for simulation purposes.

3. Date for next meeting

- WG Balancing 16/05/2023 14:00 – 18:00
- WG Balancing 29/06/2023 14:00 – 18:00



- WG Balancing 27/09/2023 09:00 – 13:00
- WG Balancing 14/11/2023 14:00 – 18:00