

Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 29th of June

Meeting

Date	29/06/2023
Organiser	Jan Voet

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Report

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1. Agenda

1. Introduction
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2. Report

1. Introduction

- Agenda for today's WG Balancing is approved.
- MoM of the WG Balancing of 16/05/2023 are approved.

2. EU & BE Balancing Program Update

- Regarding public consultations, ENGIE highlights the high number of simultaneous public consultations over summer. ENGIE suggests working in sequence rather than in parallel. Elia acknowledges the tight planning, which was announced. Elia explains the constraints on planning, also considering the time needed to finalize documents and let time to the regulator to approve them.
- Febeliec, on the contrary, likes the fact Elia consults in parallel but expresses concerns on the difficulty to have a view on the impact of a change in one document on another. Febeliec insists that changes are needed, and one should move forward, although the number of consultations may be difficult to manage. Febeliec thanks Elia for making the documents available in English before the start of the official consultation in FR and/or NL. Elia refers to the presentation that will be given explaining what will be the modifications in the Balancing rules and the elements transferred to T&C BRP.
- Luminus also complains about the number of consultations. Luminus requests to prioritize consultations related to MARI and iCAROS and to delay others.
- Elia asks the market parties to organize themselves to respond to the consultations in the timing as planned but will investigate in coordination with the CREG the possibility to slightly extend the deadline for the public consultations on the T&C BSP mFRR, the Balancing Rules and the T&C BRP beyond the end of August. Feedback will be communicated in the course of the week of 03/07.
- T&C BRP and Balancing rules: Febeliec asks that the different possibilities in terms of succession of connection to the platforms (MARI first or PICASSO first) are clear in the documents. Elia explains that the different orders are explicitly foreseen in the T&C BRP but not in the Balancing Rules where the succession MARI, then PICASSO is described. Elia highlights that the probability that Elia connects to PICASSO first has become very low considering the postponement of RTE's connection to PICASSO.
- Scheduled vs. Direct Activation in MARI: Febeliec remarks that Elia will activate in the future more mFRR than today and asks where this is described. Elia confirms, and explains that the description of the activation trigger will be described in the Balancing Rules and presented in the present WG BAL.
- Febeliec raises attention on the risk to overactivate in one direction and to not be able to use PICASSO to activate in the opposite direction. Elia explains that this should not be the case (at least if part of the activated mFRR is imported) as capacity should be freed-up in the opposite direction. It is acknowledged that the availability of CZC may depend on requests from other TSOs.
- Febeliec requests Elia to be careful that the new activation strategy does not lead to undesirable effects. Elia agrees and explains that keeping some flexibility in the rules is important to be able to quickly react in case of unforeseen effect, which is supported by the WG.
- Luminus asks when version 4 of technical guides will be available. Elia responds that it will be shared after the training session of 07/07.

3. T&C BRP / Imbalance Price

- Febeliec asks where the alpha will be described. Elia indicates that the alpha will be described in both the T&C BRP and the Tariff Decision. Febeliec supports the Alpha but had issues with the absence of visibility on what is submitted in the tariff proposal. Elia responds that they will propose exactly the same in both proposals.
- Elia commits to discuss in WG BAL and to propose an evaluation plan with regard to cap/floor and deadband. Elia cannot accept an ex-ante defined trial & error approach, given concerns on grid security, but wants to assess the situation 6-12 months after connection to the platforms. Elia will make this commitment in the explanatory document and in the letter to CREG.
- Febeliec insists on the fact that Elia should not proceed by trial & error, as errors lead to costs that should be avoided.

4. aFRR Evolutions & Connection to PICASSO

- ENGIE asks what will be the timing for the aFRR auction. Elia explains that the intent is to organize the auction at 9am, time at which the per-CCTU auction took place before.
- Elia communicates timings of the workshops for aFRR evolutions / PICASSO:
 - Workshop 1: 19/09 from 1pm to 4pm
 - Workshop 2: 12/10 from 9am to 12am

5. Winter Plan Balancing

- Febeliec asks about the probabilistic price spike forecast whether Elia does not risk creating a price spike by removing capacity from the DA (self-fulfilling prophecy). Elia clarifies that the slide relates to the bidding obligation, not the increase of balancing capacity. Febeliec states that it is not comfortable with TSOs intervening in the market based on their (price-based) forecasts (according to them, such thing would be on the edge of what a TSO can do). Elia notes the comment and commits to further discuss within the WG BAL before going in that direction. Febeliec insists that a technical trigger is easier to justify than a price-based one.
- ENGIE asks to clarify the volume cap applying to bidding obligation. Elia explains that the obligation for each market party is capped to the dimensioned mFRR balancing capacity to be procured. ENGIE considers the measure disproportionate, and that it significantly increases the operational burden in already very constrained timings. ENGIE requests to consider applying sharing keys instead of requiring their full volume up to the need to each market party. ELIA reminds of the outcome of discussion on this question towards last Winter and explains it does not see efficient possibilities to implement such allocation per market party.
- Febeliec asks to clarify to what units the obligation applies. Elia explains that it applies to coordinable units prequalified in mFRR. It is clarified by Elia that the concept of coordinable units still exists in the new contractual framework.
- ENGIE supports an evolution towards a more dynamic assessment of the availability of sharing. Elia agrees and refers to the evolution to partial procurement towards 2027.

- Febeliec requests a full analysis of what happened after each incident and not only a yearly report to CREG, since it will impact the outcome of the DA market at moments when the market is tight. Elia invites Febeliec to provide this message in the consultation. Elia would in any case not take such a measure lightly, but when there is a clear need to ensure system security.

6. Incentive on DFD

- Febeliec insists that Elia does not move too quickly to mitigation measures.
- Febeliec remarks that Elia does some clustering of data per period and asks how Elia ensures that it does not exclude some data that are needed to get a good training, stating that the manner the filtering is done may have an impact on the quality of the training of the method. Elia responds that it will rely on the performance of algorithms and will also foresee a parallel run, ensuring sufficient robustness of the results. Febeliec insists on the need for the model to be robust against future changes in the market.
- Febeliec asks to clarify how much of the volume would be activated to counter the DFD. Elia indicates that this is something still to be defined.
- Next Kraftwerke asks to have some order of magnitude of occurrences and magnitude of DFDs, and the volumes that would be activated. Some figures are provided by Elia on occurrences and magnitude; Elia indicates that the volume of activations will depend on the activation strategy, which is still to be defined. Next Kraftwerke insists on getting some further information in the future on volumes, which is noted by Elia.

7. CRI Filtering for aFRR

- ENGIE expresses a different view on the risk of occurrence considering future developments in the North Sea. ENGIE considers that if the occurrences are limited as presented, there is no issue, but that the market party should not be filtered without remuneration in case of more frequent filtering and that Elia should invest in the grid instead. Elia questions whether a much more frequent filtering would not penalize the BSP more. In any case, Elia stresses that in what is proposed the aFRR filtering would always be a last resort measure.

8. AOB – Incompressibility Issues

- Febeliec insists that as much information as possible should be provided in DA to allow DR and the market to avoid the issue. Then it is the very responsibility of the BRP to solve the problem in its portfolio. Febeliec insists that the TSO should only intervene as a last resort.
- Febeliec remarks that the measure applies to limited and non coordinable units so also for e.g., CHPs, for which a last-minute request may result in exorbitant costs and safety issues. Elia indicates that it will make a selection based on techno-economical optimization (i.e., based on costs but also timing for shut-down).
- Febeliec urges Elia to contact all concerned clients to make them aware of this new procedure.



- ENECO asks whether Elia faced incompressibility issues in June. Elia indicates that the situation was a bit better, but July is expected to be the most critical month.

3. Date for next meeting

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