

Minutes of Meeting of WG Energy Solutions on February 6th

Meeting			
Date		06/02/2025	
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Report

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1. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. EU & BE Balancing Program Update
3. T&C BRP – feedback on the public consultation & next steps
4. LFCBOA – feedback on the public consultation
5. Incentive '25 - economic optimization of the use of balancing products
6. AOB

2. Report

1. Introduction

- No feedback received; MoM of last meeting WG Energy Solutions 16/12/2024 are approved.

2. EU & BE Balancing Program Update

- Answering a question from Febeliec, Elia clarifies that the connection to the MARI platform means both that Elia's needs for mFRR will be satisfied via the platform, and that bids offered by BSPs in Belgium will be shared on the platform and hence can be activated to cover the need of any participating TSO (in respect of the available cross border capacities).
- Febeliec asks for a status of the issues that occurred after the connection to PICASSO. Elia replies that a lot of work has been done in December on the performance of the Real-Time environment, and it is now stabilized. Elia adds that it should be possible to do the settlement based on PICASSO data portal from March onwards.
- Luminus highlights that for the imbalance price, the data issue tag is still present, and explains that the reaction to the imbalance price can be wrong if there is indeed a real data issue. Elia replies that in case of real data issue, a UMM will be published.
- Concerning balancing incentives, Febeliec would welcome any initiative that would help getting more assets to participate in balancing markets and unlock the potential of medium and low voltage assets.

3. T&C BRP – feedback on the public consultation & next steps

- Febeliec comments that there is in the T&C no provision for reducing the factor in the future, which implies that if there is a need to change this, a new consultation and decision process would be necessary. Febeliec therefore suggests including this provision in the T&C immediately so that, if need be, only a bilateral approach is required. Elia confirms that the intention is indeed to enable the factor to go down again, without a full public consultation and decision process. To that aim it was proposed to publish the reduction factor on the website and include it as a text parameter in the T&C BRP.
- Luminus would appreciate to receive explanations on when each type of UMM will be published in case of incompressibility. Elia replies that such processes exist in the operational departments and will make sure it is shared with market parties.
- Luminus comments that it is important to know the reason behind curtailment events, as different contractual arrangements may be in place for incompressibility or for congestion. Elia notes the comment and explains that two actions will be taken. First, it will be made clear what the sequence on UMMs is in the logic of incompressibility. Second, as soon as the operational procedures are known for DSOs, Elia will have a joint meeting with BRPs interested in order to clarify the procedure. Elia believes that the situation can be deduced from the UMM published and is therefore not keen to create additional communications. Luminus explains that in case of curtailment, they need to be able to provide justifications to their customers.
- Eneco believes that batteries are part of the solution, not the problem, and adds that if they had to be curtailed, Elia should ensure to cut only the injection. Elia thanks the stakeholder for its comment and confirms that discussions on that topic are still ongoing at Synergrid level.

- On the evaluation plan, Engie requests that working sessions with the market occur before the public consultation, as the imbalance price has impact on BRPs. Elia confirms that the market will be involved in discussions before the public consultation.

4. LFCBOA – feedback on the public consultation

- Luminus comments that there is confusion on what the risk for the DSO is, because the cost elements are very similar to a compensation of producers. Elia explains that it is unclear what applicable legislation could be imposed to DSOs. Elia believes that most likely, the DSOs will have to compensate the grid users that would be curtailed on their networks, hence the similarity with compensation of producers. Luminus remarks that it means DSOs are not convinced with Elia's legal basis description. Elia confirms there are different readings of the legislation, and strongly believes that the relevant one is SOGL. Elia reminds that two principles have been followed in the design: making sure that there is no impact on the grid tariff, and that the incentive remains so that assets follow a price signal instead of enjoying a rent.
- Febeliec comments that incompressibility is the result of BRPs not doing what they are supposed to do, yet the costs will be transferred to Elia and paid by the consumers. Febeliec adds that compensating for incompressibility, which is an emergency measure, could have a perverse effect where assets would no longer react to the price signal, hoping that Elia activates the measures for incompressibility and they get remunerated, potentially at a higher price than they would get in the market. Febeliec finds it unacceptable. Elia understands the concern of Febeliec and explains that, on top of the grid user compensation, it also intends to apply a correction on the perimeter of the BRPs. Since the grid user compensation (as proposed by Elia) is expected to be much lower than the imbalance price, the activation of the technical measures will therefore not negatively impact the tariffs borne by the consumers. Elia adds that the measure foreseen in LFCBOA is limited in time. Febeliec highlights that no details on the compensation were included in the public consultation. Luminus adds that it is not tangible at the moment as DSOs would need new legislation to implement compensations. Elia acknowledges and precises that the amount of costs that would be covered by Elia is limited.
- Febeliec insists that compensating for emergency situations is a dangerous precedent. Elia clarifies that there is no intention to start compensating for measures in emergency situations. The compensations discussed apply on measures taken before emergency situations for which there is no clear framework stating there should not be compensations. Febeliec adds that between normal and emergency states, Elia could declare an alert state, where measures would not have to be compensated. Febeliec appeals the regional regulators to look into what they are trying to do. Elia thanks Febeliec for their feedback and suggests them to voice their relevant concerns also in cenacles at regional level.
- Engie remarks that the assets having bidding obligations on balancing products also have bidding obligations to participate on the EPEX market, which is not domestic. It can therefore happen that flexibility, offered in Day-Ahead, is exported to surrounding countries at time where there is a regional, correlated effect. Engie adds that, contracting capacity is a way to make sure that flexibility is not exported. Elia thanks the stakeholder for the feedback.

5. Incentive '25 - economic optimization of the use of balancing products

- ENGIE looks forward to being involved in this topic, and expects that the merit orders will be included as input to the analysis. Elia replies that the fundamental inputs are the aFRR and mFRR price forecasts, and whether the merit orders will explicitly be included is still an open question because although it seems a logical idea, Elia depends on the available information. Today, there is no access to the foreign aFRR merit order ex ante.

- Luminus has been frustrated with some previous incentives, where there was not enough time to discuss the end report and would appreciate to have the opportunity to ask feedback internally to come up with good arguments on the end results. Engie adds that they are not opposed to incentives spread over two years, provided it leads to implementation or to a very good solution.

6. AOB

- No comments from the market.

3. Date for next meeting

- WG Energy Solutions 04/04/2025 09:00 – 17:00

4. List of abbreviations

ACE	Area Control Error
ATC	Available Transfer Capacity
BRP	Balance Responsible Party
BSP	Balancing Service Provider
DR	Demand Response
EMS	Energy Management Strategy
EV	Electrical Vehicle
FAT	Full Activation Time
HV	High Voltage
ID	Intraday
IGCC	International Grid Control Cooperation
LFCBOA	Load Frequency Control Block Operational Agreement
LV	Low Voltage
MV	Medium Voltage
Pmin	Minimum Power
RT	Real-Time
SDAC	Single Day-Ahead Coupling
SIDC	Single Intraday Coupling
ToE	Transfer of Energy