

Users Group System Operation

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting

Date:	7/11/2013
Organised by:	Elia

Participants

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1 Agenda

- Introduction to network codes (European context)
- Information on Network Codes
 - NC Load-Frequency-Control and Reserves
 - NC Operational Planning and Scheduling
 - NC Operational Security
- Preliminary results of ENTSOe Winter Outlook

2 Minutes of meeting

<p><u>Introduction to Network Codes (EU context)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The comitology process consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-comitology: during this phase the EU Commission has the responsibility to provide a text. This text is very much based on the NCs written by Entso-E and recommended by ACER to the European Commission. When the text is proposed by the EC to the member states, the comitology itself begins; ○ Comitology itself: (1) code is submitted to the Member States for discussion and vote (+/-6 months), then (2) the text (maybe amended) must be adopted by the Parliament and council (+/- 4 months). Once adopted, the NC is legally binding for member states even if precisions must be brought in the Belgian law (implementation phase of the Network Codes). • From the three operational Network Codes, only the NC LFC&R has currently been recommended by ACER to the EC in order to start the comitology phase. The EC should in the next weeks issue the text of the NC LFC&R that can be discussed with member states in the Comitology process. It is expected that NC OS and NC OP&S will soon be recommended by ACER and so enter the pre-comitology phase (<i>update 13.11.2013: ACER recommended the NC OP&S and NC OS to the EC</i>); • Discussions to decide upon the structure of how to implement NC in Belgian Law (technisch reglement/réglement technique) will take place in the Users Group (first discussions started on the 26/09/2013, see Users Group minutes of meeting). Priorities and planning will be further discussed later on. A question was raised on the planning which, for now, is still unknown; • A question was raised how the public consultations on open topics in the network codes will be organized. A concern was expressed that TSOs must try to avoid that market parties must participate in different consultations on the same matter. 	SDB
<p><u>NC LFC&R:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that the NC is now in pre-comitology phase; • The basic principles of the NC were explained; • A question was raised on the compatibility of LFC Block areas and Bidding Zones. It was explained that an LFC Block can consists of different Bidding Zones but that, in case of structural congestions on the Bidding Zone border, the benefits of forming an LFC Block are less; • In terms of reserve delivery most processes are in line with current Belgian practice; • More information was given on the FCR delivery criteria (30 minutes for FCR Providers with a limited energy reservoir) and on the ability of TSOs to put constraints on the ramping of demand and production 	JVO

facilities for technical reasons (deterministic frequency deviations and regulation quality).	
<p><u>NC OP&S:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that ACER issued a negative opinion on the first version of the NC OP&S. ENTSOe introduced an updated version of the NC to ACER. In general no fundamental changes were made (consistency, clarity,...); • It is expected that ACER issues its opinion on the new version of the NC OP&S in November; • <i>Update 13.11.2013: ACER recommended the NC on OP&S to the EC;</i> • In general most processes are in line with current BE practice although there are some small changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New 'Testing' availability status; ○ More accurate information required on decentralized generation; ○ ... • Discussions between TSO and DSO on information exchange are on-going; • It was explained that the scheduling also depends on market structure. Some initiatives were mentioned that are looking into harmonization (next to the NC). 	KSL
<p><u>NC OS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that ACER issued a negative opinion on the first version of the NC OS. ENTSOe introduced an updated version of the NC to ACER; • It is expected that ACER issues its opinion on the new version of the NC OP&S in November; • <i>Update 13.11.2013: ACER recommended the NC on OS to the EC;</i> • The different purpose of operational codes (optimal operation for current system) and connection codes (requirements for equipment with lifespan of >40 years) was explained; • NC OS code is an umbrella code for the other operational codes. It considers the different options that might be required to ensure safe grid operation; • Discussions between TSOs and DSOs on some requirements regarding information exchange are on-going; • The emergency and restoration code will be drafted in 2014/2015. The purpose of this code is a.o. to ensure a better cooperation (and harmonization) between TSOs in case of important issues. 	JWA
<p><u>Preliminary results: winter outlook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary results show that the situation for BE will be less stressed than last year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 largest nuclear power plants back in operation; ○ However by January 1200 MW of capacity will be decommissioned compared to last year. • The period considered in the winter outlook is extended to the Easter holidays as during this period there is typically a risk of having too much production; • The final results will be published by the end of November. 	KSL

3 Action points

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foresee brief feedback on the incident in Machelen and voltage dip	Elia

4 Next meeting

Elia will plan a next meeting in Q1 2014.