

Minutes of meeting Balancing Taskforce 17/02/2014

List of participants:

Company/association	Name	Present	Excused
Entelios	Stefan Smets		X
REstore	Pieter-Jan Mermans	X	
Powerhouse	Jasper van den Berg	X	
Energypool	Emilie Scholtès	X	
Energypool	Fernet Guillaume		X
Actility	Cedric De Jonghe	X	
Wom	Herman Marien	X	
Belpex	Rob Loos	X	
FOD Economie	Senne Gabriels	X	
EDORA	Noémie Laumont		X
Belgian Offshore Platform	Vermeulen Annemie	X	
Belgian Offshore Platform	Antoons Eric		X
VBO-feb	Olivier Van der Maren	X	
GABE	Jean-Pierre Bécrot	X	
Febeliec	Peter Claes	X	
Febeg	Steven Harlem	X	
Progress Energy	Wouter Verbeeck	X	
ENI (Nuon)	Antoine Thoreau	X	
E.ON	Jimmy Tjoa		X
EON	Taverniers Hans	X	
Electrabel	Bart Massin	X	
EDF Luminus	Frédéric Demaret	X	
INEOS	Geert Meynckens	X	
Nyrstar	Sven Verwimp	X	
Infrabel	Walter Aertsens		X
BASF Antwerpen	Eric Verrydt		X
Air Liquide	Raphaël Lhomme		X
Arcelor Mittal	Luis de Miguel		X
Ron Schuermans	Ron Schuermans	X	
Alstom	Ward Gommeren		X
ODE	Alice Detollenaere	X	
CREG	Jacques Gheury	X	
CREG	Brice Libert	X	
CREG	Gilles Wilmart		X
Anode	Dieter Jong	X	

Lampiris	Bruno Vanderschueren		X
Infrac	Annick Dexters		X
Ores	Didier Halkin	X	
Ores	David Vangulick		X
Eandis	Luc Decoster		X
Tecteo	Amandine LEROUX	X	
Elia	Emeline Spire	X	
Elia	Hans Vandenbroucke	X	
Elia	Carton Filip	X	
Elia	Valéry Stembert	X	

Minutes of meeting :



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Slides:

1. Agenda for the balancing taskforce of 17/02/2014

- Validation of meeting minutes dd 21-11-2013
- Feedback about short term auctions R1/R2
- Working priorities on AS and Balancing for 2015
- Evolutions to be discussed for the 2015 tendering
- Questions – Remarks - Next steps - next meeting date;

2. Validation of Meeting Minutes dd 21-11-2013

Remarks on the meeting minutes of 21-11-2013 could be sent to filip.carton@elia.be, only 1 comment was received via Febeg concerning R3_DP:

- *FEBEG points out that experiences with the pre-qualification process raised some concerns, e.g. different criteria for load shedding and generation, inconsistencies between 'conditional green' and 'volume check', ... As a consequence a thorough evaluation and review of the pre-qualification process is needed'.*

Validated minutes (including this comment) are published on-line:
http://publications.elia.be/upload/UG_upload/LHCSZLCS7P.pdf

3. Feedback about short term auctions R1/R2

Filip Carton gave feedback on the results of the 3 first short term auctions R1/R2 and pointed out that CREG will evaluate the functioning of these short term auctions after 6 months of experience. This evaluation will be an important element to decide the next steps for these auctions.

Bart Massin asked if the current auctioning process could be reviewed:

- *Filip answered that Elia is certainly open to discuss and review the process, but with only 3 months of experience this seems a bit too fast. This could be part of the evaluation after 6 months experience.*

The first months of experience demonstrated that these short term auctions are not to be underestimated in terms of complexity and workload, both at Elia and at participants. Therefore Elia clearly emphasised that in 2014 the priority for Elia will be to further stabilize this process.

4. Working priorities on AS and Balancing for 2015.

Hans Vandenbroucke first of all reconfirmed the main working axes for Elia when it comes to Balancing:

- Facilitate Reactive Balancing;
- Increase diversification;
- Promote cross border cooperation.

Hans also announced the working priorities for 2014, aside Strategic Reserves, which will be handled in a different task force:

- Stabilizing the Short Term Sourcing process and tools;
- The planning of the bidladder project is under review because of the implementation of Strategic Reserves is using the same resources;
- Pilot project with Tennet for Cross-Border balancing.

Bart Massin asked if the Pilot project with Tennet for Cross-Border balancing is for activation only or also for reservation of capacity?:

- *Hans answered that the focus of this project is primarily activation (and not reservation)*
- *Jacques Gheury stated that for reservation of capacity we should be careful because the network code is still under discussion.*

Stevl Harlem asked if stakeholder involvement is foreseen for this Pilot project with Tennet?:

- *Hans confirmed that is planned but no date has been scheduled yet. As soon as this is available, ELIA will communicate accordingly.*

5. Evolutions to be discussed for the 2015 tendering.

Short Term Sourcing R1 & R2

Hans Vandenbroucke presented the next steps that must be followed in order to be able to continue short term sourcing in 2015:

- After 6 months of experience with short term auctions, CREG will analyse the results. Without a positive analysis Elia cannot continue with short term sourcing in 2015.

Steven Harlem asked if stakeholders will be involve in the consultation and will have the possibility to give feedback for such an analysis. And if this would mean that the Balancing Rules must be modified?:

- *Indeed, for 2014 the principles for allocating the Rx volumes to the yearly and monthly timeframes were approved via the balancing rules so for 2015 this should be the same. Stakeholders are consulted and their feedback is asked via this taskforce.*

It was asked why Elia can't wait to launch the tendering for R1 and R2 until the ST⇔LT split is known?:

- *After the year-ahead tendering Elia has to write a report about the selection and afterwards CREG has 60 working days to approve the selection. If we would wait until the split is known to launch the tendering Elia would face the risk that the selection is not yet approved before 01/01/2015.*
- *This means that Elia has no choice but to launch the tender before the split is known.*

R3 DP 2015

Hans informed the audience that in March a reporting on the activation of R3DP will be provided to CREG. An Expert Working Group meeting will be organized on the 19th of March to discuss, inter alii, the planning and prequalification process for the R3DP product for 2015.

Elia would like to receive feedback from the market parties involved in the tests realized by Elia in January and February 2013. Other tests could be organized during March.

Market participants would like to be better informed when tests are organized by Elia because they could have a significant impact on their portfolios. They asked if it is possible to receive near real-time informations.

Mr. Halkin asked that ARPs would explain why this real-time information is so important and stated that it's important to keep in mind that DSO's have a lot more users connected to their grid compared to TSO's and that we must be careful to avoid expensive developments to provide such a real-time information.

Mr. Mermans notes that the real-time information on activation per EAN is available at aggregators'.

Elia suggests that DSOs and Elia sit together on this basis in the coming weeks in order to propose a pragmatic short-term solution enabling Elia to inform ARPs in quasi real-time about the impact of an activation on their portfolio, with limited impact on the DSO side.

Mr. Bécret regrets the lack of initiative taken to improve the current ICH product instead of creating new products. According to Mr. Bécret priority is given to the development of R3_DP even if that product is more expensive than the ICH product.

- *Elia answered that it's important to note that R3DP is a product that was developed with the aim to reach new forms/additional of flexibility, also covering flexibility connected to DSO network. In addition R3DP and ICH are different products, the price of which is the result of a market process.*

Tendering and contracting

The tendering calendar was presented by Filip Carton.

Aggregators note that the deadline of 1st June for submitting EAN to DSOs for the prequalification process is very short. Elia and DSOs will consult in order to identify possible adjustments to this.

6. Questions – Remarks – Next steps – next meeting date

Next meeting will take place on April 25th, afternoon.