

Press Release

ENTSOG publishes the CAM NC related 'Capacity Auction Calendar' for 2017/18 and information about the first demand assessment for Incremental capacity in 2017

(Brussels, PR0121-16) The Capacity Allocation Mechanism Network Code (CAM NC) requires ENTSOG to publish information related to specific capacity auctions taking place from March until February of the following year. This 'Auction Calendar' for 2017/18 is now available on the ENTSOG website.

Auction calendar

The auction calendar 2017/18 contains all relevant timings for auctions of standard capacity products. Key auction dates:

- Annual yearly capacity auction (firm capacity) – March 6 2017
- Quarterly capacity auctions (firm capacity) – August 7 2017, November 6 2017, February 5 2018 and May 7 2018
- Monthly capacity auctions (firm capacity) – Third Monday of M-1
- Daily capacity auctions (firm capacity) – D-1, 15:30 (UTC)
- With-In Day capacity auctions (firm capacity) – Each hour for the period starting from +4 hours until the end of the gas day

An amendment to the CAM NC was approved by the Gas committee of EU Member States representatives on October 13 2016, and is expected to enter into force in the second half of March 2017. In this amendment, a modification of the default date for yearly capacity auction took place, with application from year 2018. Therefore ENTSOG has followed the default auction date for yearly capacity products that is stated in the EC 984/2013 CAM NC – 1st Monday of March.

Additionally, rolling quarterly auctions were included in the amendment of CAM NC with specific default dates. The application date for the amendment of quarterly auction was not specified in the network code. ENTSOG decided to apply the new rolling quarterly auctions already in the

'Auction Calendar 2017/18' because of strong preference of stakeholders to have 4 auctions of quarterly capacity during a year instead of only one auction as defined in EC 984/2013 CAM NC.

Incremental capacity process

According to the amendment of the CAM NC that was approved by the Gas committee of EU Member States representatives on October 13 2016, the first market demand assessment for Incremental capacity shall be conducted in 2017 as from the entry into force of the CAM NC amendment (expected in second half of March 2017). ENTSG will inform stakeholders about the entry into force date (start of the incremental process) once CAM NC amendment will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

No later than 8 weeks after the entry into force of the CAM NC amendment a non-binding demand indications for incremental capacity shall be submitted by network users to relevant Transmission System Operators. Based on the demand expressed by the network users, Transmission System Operators will produce demand assessment reports that will evaluate the prospective need for incremental capacity and will state whether an incremental capacity project will be initiated.

The market demand assessment report will be published on the websites of the concerned Transmission System Operators no later than 16 weeks (expected in July 2017) after entry into force of the CAM NC amendment.

In case of any deviation to the expected timescales, ENTSG will communicate the new timescales to stakeholders in advance.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSG General Manager, said, *"The first demand assessment for incremental capacity shall be conducted in 2017 as from the entry into force of this regulation. With the proposed change to the CAM NC, we thought it would be important to inform market participants as early as possible about the auction dates for 2017/18."*

The 'Auction Calendar' is available [here](#).

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Editorial notes

- > ENTSG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found [at this link](#).
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a

non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.