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Amendment Proposal to the Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems (Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013) on Incremental Capacity

Delivery of the documents to the European Commission and ACER

Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete,
Dear Mr. Pototschnig,

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) works in conjunction with stakeholders to promote the completion and functioning of the internal gas market and cross-border trade for gas.

Today, in accordance with the decision of ENTSOG General Assembly, ENTSOG is glad to deliver the Amendment Proposal to the Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems (Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013) on Incremental Capacity as requested by the Invitation Letter from the European Commission of 19 December 2013. ENTSOG has drafted the Amendment Proposal to CAM NC as a part of an 'Incremental Proposal', which also includes Chapter VIII of the draft Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas, which is submitted in parallel. In addition to the Amendment Proposal, ENTSOG also delivers the Accompanying Document which clarifies the policy approaches chosen. The documents are delivered within the 31 December 2014 deadline specified in the Invitation Letter.

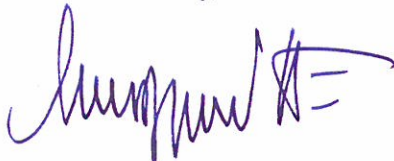
Within the development process of the Amendment Proposal, ENTSOG has organised a public consultation on the draft Incremental Proposal project plan (19 December 2013 – 20 January 2014), the Kick-Off Workshop (14 January 2014), 5 Stakeholder Joint Working

Sessions (10 and 26 February, 13 and 25 March, 8 April 2014), a 2-month public consultation on the initial draft Incremental Proposal (30 May – 30 July 2014), the Consultation Workshop (24 June 2014), the Refinement Workshop (23 September 2014), a public consultation in a form of a Stakeholder Support Process on the refined draft Incremental Proposal (7 – 21 November 2014) and a number of meetings with key stakeholders to discuss specific issues.

The Incremental Proposal provides a framework that allows market based investments in capacity expansions and thereby is another step in the development of arrangements that will enable a more integrated market. ENTSOG therefore anticipates close co-operation with ACER, the EC and wider stakeholders on finalising the arrangements and to ensure their timely implementation. ENTSOG has drafted the Incremental Proposal in line with the provisions of the ACER Guidance and Framework Guidelines on Tariffs. However, on the topic of “allocation procedures in open seasons” ENTSOG and most stakeholders are convinced that the ACER Guidance is too strict and therefore strongly recommend a more flexible approach formulated in the respective articles to be included in the proposal for comitology.

ENTSOG is ready to support the EU institutions in the next stages of the development and subsequent implementation of the amendments made to Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- *The Amendment Proposal to Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 (INC0224-14)*
- *A contrast document reflecting the full Incremental Proposal (INC0223-14)*
- *The Accompanying Document for the Incremental Proposal (INC0222-14)*