

Closing remarks

11th ENTSOG Transparency Workshop

06 December 2017, 10.00 – 16.00 at Energy Community in Vienna

AGENDA

1. **Welcome: ENTSOG and Transparency in the European Gas Market** by Hendrik Pollex, Business Area Manager System Operations
2. **Transparency for the Contracting Parties** by Branislava Marsenić Maksimović, Gas expert in the ECRB, Energy Community
3. **Feedback received from stakeholders and actions undertaken** by Kathrine Nygaard Stannov, ENTSOG Subject Manager Transparency
4. **ENTSOG Transparency Platform: Functionality updates 2017, demonstration and tutorial videos** by Marin Zwetkow, ENTSOG Transparency Adviser and Paul McCarthy, ENTSOG IT Manager
5. **Stakeholders feedback on ENTSOG Transparency Platform**
 - REKK – Energy consultancy for electricity and gas
 - Route for Gas – developing tool for processing and analytics of European gas transmission data
6. **ACER feedback on ENTSOG Transparency Platform** by ACER Gas Market Department
7. **ENTSOG, Transparency and engagement with stakeholders** by ENTSOG team
8. **Publication requirements of TAR NC: What can you find on the ENTSOG TP** by Andreas Martens, ENTSOG Market Adviser
9. **New Tariff section on ENTSOG TP** by Marin Zwetkow, ENTSOG System Operations Adviser

10. **Standardised section for tariff data publication on TSOs/NRAs' websites** by Maria Gerova, Bulgartransgaz
11. **Publication by NRAs – experiences so far** by Markus Krug, E-Control (AT)

Main points from presentations and the discussion

1. Hendrik Pollex opened the workshop with an introduction to the purpose of the Transparency Platform and ENTSOG's take on data quality:
 - Completeness: Necessary for compliance and monitoring purposes
 - Consistency: The values published should be feasible
 - Correctness: Stakeholders and TSOs can have different opinions on the correctness, but TSOs are the owners of the information and the source for validation
 - New data and functionalities can be discussed in the context of providing benefits to the market in general.
2. Branislava Marsenić Maksimović gave an overview of the progress of the Contracting Parties in implementing the 3rd package incl. transparency obligations. Kathrine Stannov, Subject Manager of Transparency highlighted in the closing remarks that ENTSOG is ready to publish data for any CP who becomes an observer to ENTSOG.
3. Kathrine Nygaard Stannov gave an update on the feedback received since the last Transparency Workshop from various fora and the actions taken by ENTSOG and the TSOs. Due to implementation of the Tariff Network Code, the feedback from the last satisfaction survey run during Q3 will be processed by the Transparency Team in 2018.
4. Paul McCarthy gave an update on the developments in the Transparency Platform environment. Asking the audience about the preferences for the retention policy following 5 years of data publication in 2018, Csilla Bartok reminded ENTSOG that it's previously been stated that data retention would not be an issue.
5. Peter Kotek from Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research presented how their office is using the data from the Transparency Platform and the ENTSOG Capacity Map, and gave suggestions for additional filters for data downloads. In the closing remarks, Kathrine Stannov mentioned that additional tutorial videos could also be relevant based on REKK's feedback.

Fernando Blumentals from Route4Gas presented their platform, which aims at collecting information related to the European gas market from multiple sources and correcting data

quality issues via machine learning. Route4gas mentioned that publication of more consumption data would be a great addition to the Transparency Platform, and that the current setup with the presentation of pipe-in-pipe information creates challenges in the data collection. The complex setups between UK and Norway, and the integration of Belgium and Luxemburg caused some confusion. In the closing remarks, ENTSOG applauded Route4gas for their bravery in taking the challenge and the risk of computing data to help decision makers, and invited Route4gas to study the various points for the mentioned areas closer and consult ENTSOG and the relevant TSOs if needed.

6. Csilla Bartok gave an update on the Agency's tasks in relation to using data from the Transparency Platform, and highlighted the additional actions taken previously to facilitate the work of ACER and improve the Transparency Platform for the Market in general. She also stressed the Agency's request for additional data validations in relation to the data quality topic, and that a bi-lateral workshop in January 2018 will hopefully give ACER and ENTSOG a better preparedness for handling data errors which are inevitable in big data dumps.
7. Peter Hlusek introduced the Functionality Process, which was launched by ACER and ENTSOG in 2016, and described how it adds a new level of stakeholder engagement to the existing ways of working for ACER and ENTSOG. It was highlighted in the closing remarks that stakeholders with requests for additional data publications could raise them via the Functionality platform to ensure proper validation and issue resolution.

Marin Zwetkow introduced a new initiative from ENTSOG regarding the Transparency Platform - instruction videos available at [ENTSOG's Vimeo channel](#).

8. Andreas Martens introduced the legislative requirements for the updated Tariff section on the Transparency Platform. It was mentioned in the closing remarks that ENTSOG does not foresee further any changes to the tariff section at the moment; it is now time for stakeholders to start using the data and give their feedback.
9. Marin Zwetkow gave a live demo of the new Tariff data section on ENTSOG's TP, i.e. the standardised table for publication of tariffs and explained two new concepts introduced by ENTSOG's Tariff taskforce: A common unit to ensure comparability of the published tariffs and a validity period approach avoiding redundant data publications. Marin invited the audience to share their feedback on the default tariff data visualization of the data. Participants agreed that default sorting showing data firstly based on firm/interruptible and secondly by the product duration would make sense.
10. Maria Gerova from Bulgartransgaz presented the legislative requirements for tariff data publication on TSOs/NRAs' web-sites and demonstrated the implementation approach of the so called "standardized section" developed as voluntary initiative by the gas TSOs and ENTSOG with the aim to facilitate the access to the required tariff information and enhance the market transparency. Following the structure of the regulation, the

template ensures that the tariff information on TSOs/NRAs' web-sites is easily accessible and presented in a user-friendly manner. Hendrik Pollex thanked Maria Gerova and Bulgartransgaz for their high dedication in the ENTSOG tariff project and for setting the bar high in the publication approach.

- 11.** Markus Krug from E-Control, the Austrian energy regulatory authority, presented the approach of E-control to publishing tariff information on their website including the early publications as agreed with ACER, ENTSOG and EC. He demonstrated that the NRAs are also working on implementing the “standardised section” for tariff data publication proposed by ENTSOG and the gas TSOs. It was highlighted in the closing remarks by ENTSOG that an NRA's presentation at the Transparency workshop is a symbol of TSOs and NRAs coming closer together to ensure clear communication to stakeholders.

Hendrik Pollex and Kathrine Nygaard Stannov delivered the closing remarks and expressed their gratitude to the Energy Community Secretariat for their hospitality, thanked the participants for their attendance and the contribution to the discussions and closed the workshop with inviting everyone to the 12th ENTSOG Transparency workshop on 28 November 2018.