

## *Press Release*

### **ENTSOG launches two consultations**

(Brussels, 30 May 2014, PR066-14) Today the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) launches two consultations on drafted proposals: One for the initial draft **Proposal for Incremental and New Capacity** (INC Proposal) and the other for the initial draft **Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas** (TAR NC). Both consultations are open in parallel until 30 July 2014.

#### **Consultation on the Initial Draft Proposal for Incremental and New Capacity (INC Proposal)**

This initial draft INC Proposal has been initiated by the Invitation Letter from the European Commission on 19 December 2013 and the development has been based on the Guidance document and the Framework Guidelines published by ACER on 29 November 2013.

With the initial draft INC Proposal, ENTSOG is aiming at providing a robust and comprehensive proposal that will amend the Network Code for Capacity Allocations Mechanisms (CAM NC) as well as the part of the TAR NC that relates to incremental and new capacity. The initial draft INC Proposal combines these two parts and includes a table comparing the existing CAM NC with the proposed amendment and can be found [here](#). The formal CAM NC amendment proposal (without the related TAR NC parts) can be found [here](#).

In the last couple of months, ENTSOG has engaged closely with stakeholders during the Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions (SJWS) to develop the initial draft INC Proposal. The discussions and feedback from the participants in the SJWS contributed significantly to the development of the initial draft INC proposal which will now be consulted upon by all relevant stakeholders.

In this context, ENTSOG has produced a supporting document to record how it arrived at the initial draft INC Proposal. The supporting document also serves as an ENTSOG consultation document, as it invites respondents to provide views on issues raised throughout the document as part of the consultation on the initial draft INC Proposal. The supporting document is

available [here](#). In order to answer the questions presented in the supporting document, stakeholders are kindly invited to consult the questionnaire which can be found [here](#).

Summary of related links (incremental):

- > Initial Draft [INC Proposal](#) (including a comparison to the existing CAM NC).
- > Formal CAM NC [amendment proposal](#) (without the related TAR NC parts).
- > [Supporting document](#).
- > Feedback can be given through the [online consultation](#).

A public workshop will be held in Brussels on 24 June 2014 to provide an opportunity for all participants to exchange views on the initial draft INC Proposal and the supporting document. This event has been scheduled to allow respondents sufficient time to assess the initial draft INC Proposal and supporting document in advance of the workshop and so that views and information gained in the workshop can be taken into account in their responses. Responses to the consultation on the initial draft INC Proposal will be taken into consideration in the development of the refined draft INC Proposal.

The consultation questionnaire on the initial draft INC Proposal should be completed and submitted online no later than by 17:00 UTC on 30 July 2014.

The answers to the consultation will contribute to the refined draft INC Proposal which will be presented at a workshop on 23 September 2014.

The delivery of the final draft INC Proposal to ACER is foreseen on 31 December 2014.

**Consultation on the Initial Draft Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas (TAR NC)**

ENTSOG also publishes the initial draft Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas and a Supporting Document for public consultation over a two month period from 30 May to 30 July 2014. This initial draft TAR NC has been developed following an Invitation Letter from the European Commission (19 December 2014) and is based upon the Framework Guidelines published by ACER on 29 November 2013.

ENTSOG has engaged extensively with stakeholders over the past five months. Stakeholders have provided contributions to the initial draft TAR NC development during the Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions and also written feedback after the SJWSs. The Supporting Document

provides clarifications and explanations for some of the decisions taken during the development of the initial draft TAR NC and poses questions to stakeholders as part of the public consultation. This consultation is an important part of the overall development of the TAR NC and stakeholder participation is essential to create a workable network code.

The formal consultation encourages stakeholders to provide responses, in particular to the questions included in the Supporting Document, and will be open for two months starting today. The consultation questionnaire on the initial draft TAR NC should be completed and submitted online (using this link: [initial draft TAR NC online consultation](#)) no later than by 17:00 UTC on 30 July 2014.

A public workshop will be held in Brussels on 25 June 2014 to give all participants an opportunity to exchange views on the initial draft TAR NC and Supporting Document. This event has been scheduled to allow respondents sufficient time to assess the initial draft TAR NC and Supporting Document in advance of the workshop and so that the views and information gathered at the workshop can be taken into account in their responses. The responses to the initial draft TAR NC consultation will be taken into consideration during the development of the refined draft TAR NC.

We look forward to hearing from interested parties and would be pleased to facilitate discussions on aspects of the initial draft TAR NC and Supporting Document during the consultation period.

Summary of links related to the initial draft TAR NC consultation:

- >The initial draft TAR NC document is available [here](#).
- >The Supporting Document for the initial draft TAR NC is available [here](#).
- >Consultation responses can be provided through the online consultation form which is available [here](#).

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#### Further information:

- For the process of the **Proposal for Incremental and New Capacity (INC Proposal)** please visit the ENTSOG website for incremental capacity [here](#) or contact Mark Wiekens (+32 (0)28 94 51 08, [mark.wiekens@entsog.eu](mailto:mark.wiekens@entsog.eu))
- On the process for the **Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas (TAR NC)** please visit the ENTSOG website for Tariffs [here](#) or contact Ann-Marie Colbert (+32 (0)2 894 51 26, [ann-marie.colbert@entsog.eu](mailto:ann-marie.colbert@entsog.eu) or [TAR-NC@entsog.eu](mailto:TAR-NC@entsog.eu))

#### Editorial notes

- > ENTSOG 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 [under this link](#).
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG 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.