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Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas

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 Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariffs Structures for Gas as requested by the Invitation Letter from the European Commission of 19 December 2013. In addition to the TAR NC, ENTSOG also delivers the Accompanying Document which clarifies the policy approaches chosen for the TAR NC; and the Impact Assessment on Harmonisation of the Tariff Setting Year. All the documents are delivered within the 31 December 2014 deadline specified in the Invitation Letter. In accordance with Regulation 715/2009, the TAR NC is submitted for ACER's reasoned opinion.

Within the development process of the TAR NC, ENTSOG has organised a public consultation on the draft TAR NC project plan (19 December 2013 – 20 January 2014), the Kick-Off Workshop (15 January 2014), 5 Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions (11 and 27 February, 14 and 26 March, 9 April 2014), a 2-month public consultation on the initial draft TAR NC (30 May – 30 July 2014), the Consultation Workshop (25 June 2014), the Refinement Workshop (24 September 2014), a public consultation in a form of a Stakeholder Support Process on

the refined draft TAR NC (7 – 21 November 2014) and a number of meetings with key stakeholders to discuss specific issues.

As indicated by the EC in the Invitation Letter, the Commission invited ENTSOG to ensure, where relevant, that the TAR NC is developed in coordination with the work on the amendment of the Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM NC) on the matter of incremental and new capacity. It is envisaged by ENTSOG that the TAR NC – to the extent covered by its provisions – will supersede the tariff provisions set out in Article 26 of the CAM NC as from the date when the TAR NC is to be applied. However, if changes are made to the TAR NC in the next stages of its establishment process, including during the comitology procedure, further analysis might be required to ensure the consistency between the TAR NC and the CAM NC.

The TAR NC 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 is ready to support the EU institutions in the next stages of the development and subsequent implementation of the TAR NC.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- *Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas for ACER Reasoned Opinion (TAR0450-14)*
- *Accompanying Document for the Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas (TAR0451-14)*
- *Impact Assessment: Harmonisation of the Tariff Setting Year (TAR0410-14)*