Core Consultative Group meeting

Minutes of meeting – DRAFT

10th of April 2018
Novotel – Munich Airport

1. Welcome and introduction

C.PFLANZ, chairman of the Core TSOs SG on behalf of all Core TSOs, opens the meeting and welcomes Market Participants & Associations (MPs) and Core NRA to the meeting. Also a word of welcome by H.ROBAYE, co-chair on behalf of the MPs.

Objective of the meeting is to:
- Inform & discuss recent developments in the Core CCR, amongst others:
  - RD&CT
  - Amendment of the Core DA & ID FB CCMs

Due to a strike at Munich Airport and in France, several participants are not able to join the meeting physically. A conference call is initiated to mitigate.
Agenda
Z.KOESSLDORFER asks, on behalf of Core NRAs to add the launch of public consultation for the amendment of the Core Annex for EU Harmonised Allocation Rules to the AOB, since this is a regional topic. C.PFLANZ responds it will be discussed if time allows.

Update developments in Core
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3. Redispatch & Countertrading (RD&CT)
G.MAES presents the current status of the RD&CT developments. He informs the participants that Core TSOs experienced issues in finalizing the CACM Art 35 and 74 methodologies. Core TSOs are currently aligning with Core NRAs, ACER and the Commission on the way forward for the further development of the Core RD&CT methodologies. Core TSOs proposed the following approach:
- Both methodologies (CACM Art. 35 & 74) will be submitted at the same time and aligned with SO GL Art. 76 in terms of content and timing;
- The submission will be done after performing quantitative analysis based on experimentations in order to have clearer estimation of costs;
  - Pragmatic approach, similar to the FB DA internal parallel run one: starting parameters will be defined by Core TSOs
  - With this approach, higher chances for clearer definitions in the common methodologies

Core TSOs aim at delivering an intermediate report to Core NRAs in May 2018 with the objective to inform Core NRAs on the status of the methodologies being developed in order to increase the coordination & alignment with the NRAs (complex topics / educative aim) and to get first feedback from NRAs before starting preparation for experimentations. In parallel, TSOs will align with other relevant stakeholders. Public Consultation is foreseen by Q2 2019.

The current content considered to be included in the methodologies is shared with the participants. G.MAES explains the issues regarding strong interdependencies with other methods and decisions that are not yet available, such as:
- Consistency and alignment between Art. 35 & 74 CACM Regulation and Art. 75 & 76 SO GL;
- Definition of cross-border relevance;
- Selection of critical network elements (CNEs), as described in the Core DA FB CCM.

G.MAES stresses Core TSOs want to align these topics to be able to deliver well-developed methodologies.

EFET asks why TSOs do not use costly remedial actions (RAs) already during the capacity calculation process. MPs anticipate this as a cost consideration from TSOs side instead of increasing social welfare. G.MAES responds that non-costly RAs are used to increase the flow-based domain to allow for more cross-border exchange. TSOs wait for the market results to be known before they apply costly RAs, also from security of supply perspective.

H.ROBAYE states that MPs have the impression that concept of minRAM is a push from NRAs. MPs want to know why TSOs need a threshold and how TSO can make sure the optimum is reached which might not be 20%. K.PURCHALA responds that the concept is sequential. TSOs have no information during capacity calculation on what RD potential is available. With the implementation of 20% minRAM, TSOs already go into the ‘unknown’. C.JACHMANN adds that if TSOs want to reach and optimum, estimations on the market optimum are needed. Previously, MPs expressed their concerns related to this, since according to MPs this could lead to TSOs influencing the market.

It was concluded that MPs regret to see the delivery of RD&CT methodologies delayed. However, MPs ask TSOs to use the additional time for more detailed involvement of MPs to discuss TSOs approaches, options and issues.

MPs ask TSOs to consider the following:
- Consideration of RAs earlier in the process (during the CC) in order to further increase the FB domain independently from other measures like minRAM or LTA inclusion
- Cross-border RD versus CT: MPs want TSOs to include criteria for using RD or CT and ask for equal footing
- Relation between cost sharing and activation: MPs expressed their concerns related to incentives & cost management on TSOs side
- MPs ask for transparency on RD&CT and to include this in the methodology
Exchange on the paper received from EFET/MPP/Eurelectric on RD&CT

In February, Core TSOs received a paper on countertrading and redispatching, elaborated jointly by EFET, Eurelectric and the MPP. This paper was in line with the discussion note received prior to the Core CG conference call in November. Core TSOs assessed the paper and provided their response as enclosed file to the meeting material.

EFET stresses that MPs want to keep the discussion open. According to MPs, TSOs response to the paper implies that some elements are for TSOs out of scope or closed already. In follow-up interaction until public consultation in Q2 2019, MPs would like to continue detailed content discussions with TSOs. MPP invites TSOs to also share their questions with MPs since RD&CT is a complex topic. C.PFLANZ responds that this is indeed Core TSOs intention.

It is agreed to schedule a dedicated workshop to discuss the intermediate report (to be shared with NRAs in May) and other open issues on the RD&CT topic.

ACTION Core TSOs:
- Schedule dedicated workshop with MPs on RD&CT – June

4. Core DA and ID FB CCMs

C.PFLANZ reminds the participants of the submission of the Core DA and ID common capacity calculation methodologies (Core DA&ID FB CCMs) to Core NRAs in September 2017. Participants are informed that Core TSOs received a request for amendment (RfA) from the Core Energy Regulators Regional Forum (CERRF) for both the DA and ID FB CCM. Amended proposals need to be submitted to the NRAs latest by 04/06/2018.

CERRF request for amendment – Core DA & ID FB CCMs (presentation by Core NRAs)

R.TUETMANN on behalf of Core NRAs presents a summary of the RfAs as submitted to the TSOs.

CITADEL states that the list of amendments required indicates that the CCMs are far from final. CITADEL wants to know what the impact is on the implementation planning. C.PFLANZ responds that TSOs knew from the beginning that they were not able to deliver all elements of the CCM and have been communicating this fact continuously. NRAs state in their RfA that TSOs need to include all sub-methodologies and details. TSOs cannot assess yet what this means in terms of time line for implementation. Based on the amendments made to the CCMs, TSOs will assess the impact on the deadlines.

ENGIE wants to know if PST modelling can be included in the CCM as part of EUPHEMIA and the market coupling process. K.PURCHALA indicates that Core TSOs were informed by PCR that EUPHEMIA cannot include this in the calculations. OTE confirms this and explains EUPHEMIA has challenges to include all requirements already. To also include optimization of PSTs in the 10 minutes required for the calculation will be very complex. It was agreed that the Co-Chairs will transfer the question to PCR.

VERBUND TRADING asks if CNECs will be made transparent in Core. R.TUETMANN responds that NRAs commonly asked for the same level of transparency as currently in place in CWE. This is a common NRA position.

CITADEL asks if static grid models will also be made transparent by the former CEE TSOs. C.PFLANZ explains there are still discussions ongoing at national level with regards to transparency. However, Core regulators provide clear guidance on the same level of transparency throughout the whole Core CCR.

Status update on the amendment of the CCMs

C.PFLANZ presents the updates required to the CCMs. Starting parameters are defined and will be assessed during the internal parallel run. Core TSOs are currently working on the amendment of the CCMs.

In a first exchange between TSOs and NRAs on the RfAs, one of the points discussed is publication of data. TSOs want to know MPs position with regards to NRAs request to (i) add the data-access point and the exhaustive list of all publication items to the proposal and (ii) to organize the workshop as mentioned in Article 23(3) in time for the amended proposal. C.PFLANZ indicates TSOs consider this an implementation topic and therefore want to stick to the initial idea to have a workshop during the //run. By that time, TSOs can be more concrete and discuss and agree with MPs on fixed templates.

H.ROBAYE indicates the exact format is not important; MPs want general principles included in the legal binding document. EFET agrees on this and adds that MPs can support to have the workshop at a later stage.

It was agreed that MPs will provide feedback on their transparency needs (general principles) and the need to include formats as Annex to the CCMs. TSOs will consider the input received in the amendment of the CCMs, provided that the feedback is received as soon as possible. Furthermore, TSOs will review documentation already available highlighting MPs transparency needs (e.g. via ENTSO-E, CWE document on transparency)
**ACTION Core MPs:**
- Provide feedback on MPs transparency needs to be considered in Article 23 of the Core DA FB CCM and to confirm whether or not the templates for publication of data need to be included as Annex to the CCM – as soon as possible

**ACTION Core TSOs:**
- Review MPs transparency needs as indicated via ENTSO-E and CWE and take into consideration for amendment of Article 23 – 04/06/2018

Core DA and ID FB CCMs (presentation by MPs)
Due to time constraints, J. Le Page (on behalf of EFET) only highlights that the presentation provided by MPs reflects the NRAs RfA. The danger is highlighted of imprecise methodologies submitted to NRAs leading to the risk of politicians taking over important and difficult / technical aspects of capacity calculation.

### 5. AOB

There are no additional points addressed.

C.PFLANZ thanks all participants and informs MPs that the minutes of meeting will be published on the ENTSO-E website. In alignment with H.ROBAYE a date for a physical Core Consultative Group meeting will be scheduled in Q3 2018. Additional workshops will be scheduled on RD&CT and publication of data.

It was agreed that dedicated workshops are required to have sufficient time to discuss difficult and important topics such as RD&CT.