

4th Balancing Stakeholder Group (BSG) meeting

Date: 13 April 2016

Time: 10h00 – 16h30

Place: ACM, The Hague

Participants:

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Mathieu	Fransen	ACER (chair)
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Alexander	Dusolt	ENTSO-E (telco)
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Chris	Fox	ENTSO-E
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MINUTES

Agenda and approval of minutes from 3rd Balancing Stakeholder Group meeting

Agenda and Minutes from 3rd BSG meeting were approved.

Apologies from ENTSO-E for the late circulation of documents. All EU associations reserve the rights to provide comments after the meeting.

Manual & automatic Standard products

aFRR study

Eurelectric gives a presentation providing feedback on the ENTSO-E aFRR study. They support the conclusion that the slower the ramp of the product, the larger the market but think that also controller settings have to be harmonised and tuned to aFRR activation philosophy if we establish a standard product for aFRR. The report does not provide description on the performance (frequency stability) of such harmonisation. Eurelectric thinks that economical figures are lacking and that the technical assessment needs to be improved.

Next to that cost for the TSOs is on the capacity side, this should be taken into account (capability is not available capacity). Eurelectric therefore request for a more elaborated techno economic study. Discussion with ENTSO-E on the scope of the study. Does it allow to define a standard product ? Should the scope of the study be extended and with whom (consultant, ENTSO-E, ENTSO-E and Eurelectric) ?

Small synchronous areas imply fast aFRR products. Maybe only one Std Product could be exchanged at EU level, but other products will be needed at regional level. Eg the Nordics could have one fast product used locally and another one slower that could be exchanged at EU level. For ENTSO-E the approach for aFRR CoBA would be the same as for mFRR with “organic growth”.

Action: Agreement to have a further telco between Eurelectric and ENTSO-E how to take this forward.

mFRR and RR products

ENTSO-E presents the results of their recent work. ENTSO-E has managed to fulfil ACER’s expectation by reducing the number of manual Standard Products and by streamlining the products with a FAT of 15 minutes to one. The four proposed standard Products therefore remaining are:

- mFRR: P-DA-5-5/15;
- mFRR: P-DA-10-10/25;
- mFRR: P-DA-15-15/30 ;
- RR: P-SCH-30-15/60.

Minimum / Max delivery time of each of these products is still under discussion amongst TSOs. ENTSO-E has also worked further on the shape of products (ramps, physical delivery of BSP vs TSOs’ cross border exchanges).

EFET ask about the process to consult on stakeholders. Currently these are informal exchanges of views within the BSG. This will be followed by a formal public consultation (according to the provisions of the EB GL). ENTSO-E is open for comments on Standard Products until 10 May for the first round of comments (in order to prepare the next BSG meeting in June).

ENTSO-E presented an assessment of 4 options regarding pricing: local / XB for imbalance price / settlement. At this stage only the option XB IS price and local settlement is excluded.

Eurelectric provides a few comments. Welcomes positively the report and the work done, in particular the reduction of the number of products. Focus should be improved on the TSO-BSP relationship regarding the product (settlement). Questions raised on XB pricing, ramps, use of products linked to specific CoBAs, remaining specific products.

Action: Stakeholders to provide written feedback on the questions in the supporting document by 28th of April

ID and Balancing GCT

Europex (Rickard Nilsson) gives a presentation (XBID Stakeholder Committee slides) on the timeline related to XBID and balancing (see slides). The chair informs that the upcoming public consultation from ENTSO-E on the DA & ID Gate closure times will deal with this issue.

Eurelectric asks about the German case (4 TSOs who need to cooperate consistently with the GCT @30'). According to Europex this related to a different issue because exchanges are there at local level, while XBID is focused on XB exchanges.

ENTSO-E also presents their view on this issue and show the time they need between the ID gate closure and real time. Main message from ENTSO-E is that XBID cannot count on 15' additional minutes to compute the results. Results from XBID should be ready by no more than 5' to run balancing processes (eg TERRE) on time.

Chair proposes to include clarity on the relationship between ID and BE when TSOs submit the proposal for GCT according to CACM GL. ACER reminds CACM does not require the harmonisation of ID XB GCT across Europe, but a definition of GCT per border. ACER feels that TSOs wish to harmonise the ID XB GCT at 1h before real time for all borders. On the contrary market participants advocate for shorter GCT. EC underlined their understanding that there shall be one harmonized GCT for Intraday.

CBA ISP

ENTSO-E presents the preliminary results from the CBA on ISP. Discussion whether cost of replacement of meters on household level currently measuring on ISP length should be considered in or out of the study (part of the relevant cost base) or that in that case only costs for profiling should be included. There seems to have been different interpretations when submitting the data from different countries. Finland has considered costs of exchanging meters in whereas Italy has not. What will be considered as costs / benefits especially for metering shall be highly clarified in the CBA. ENTSO-E asks whether it is now clear that harmonising ISP does not imply to change all domestic meters. The representative for Finish industrial consumers still objects, in particular to allow for participation of DSR.

Eurelectric (supported by Finish industrial consumers' representative) raises the issue of benefits generated by the transfer from balancing to intraday markets, in particular the difference between ID and BE prices

used to assess this benefit. Critical comments should be shared with the consultant at the CBA ISP workshop on 15 April.

CoBA Scenario's

ENTSO-E gives a presentation introducing their proposal on the COBA scenarios. ENTSO-E has analysed the key requirement & taken a preliminary conclusion on which point harmonization is necessary for COBA formation:

- Imbalance settlement period: No harmonization required
- Imbalance settlement: No complete harmonization at least at the beginning
- Pricing: Implementation of marginal pricing on the long run
- Products: To be harmonized
- Activation strategy/balancing scheme: No harmonization of activation strategy required

The second part of the proposal seems to be that TSOs will develop a European mFRR & aFRR (and regional RR) platform to which every TSO can connect as soon as it finished national implementation of the relevant terms & conditions.

EC stated that if changes to the EBGL shall be made this had to be done quickly

The concept of mFRR CoBA platform gives the CoBAs meaningless about EIM according to Eurelectric. They asked to further explain the proposal in a short paper.

Pilot Projects update

Due to time limitations the presentation from ENTSO-E is skipped (can be found with the documents)

Eurelectric asks for more transparency on the development of pilot projects. CRE gives an update of the ongoing development of NRAs, IG and SG structures for iGCC, FCR cooperation, TERRE and EXPLORE. On top Eurelectric asks to have the minutes of these IG meetings published on the ENTSO-E website, to at least inform stakeholders about the ongoing discussions between TSOs and NRAs.

XB Capacity Reservation

ENTSO-E invites stakeholders to clarify what they would like to discuss. Europex committed to develop some slides with their ideas.

Next meetings

13 April CEER, Brussels

31st May Stakeholder workshop on products and CoBAs

~~29 June ENTSO-E, Brussels~~ -> 30 June ENTSO-E, Brussels

13 October ACER, Ljubljana