
ENTSO-E Transparency User Group (ETUG)

– 6th meeting

Date: 12 October 2016

Time: 10h30 – 16h00

Place: ENTSO-E premises, Brussels

MINUTES

Participants:

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| Konstantin Staschus | ENTSO-E |
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| Dalius Sulga | ENTSO-E |
| Peter Vieveen | ENTSO-E |
| Ioannis Daoutidis | ENTSO-E |
| Nicolas Roger-Machart | ENTSO-E |
| Alexander Koistinen | ENTSO-E |
| Cris Cotino | TERNA/ENTSOE |
| Christian Dacruz | ELIA |
| Zaahir Ghanty | Elexon |
| Sigurd Decroubele | ENGIE |
| Ralf Uttich | RWE Generation |
| Martin Viscor | ČEZ |
| Rafael Muruais-Garcia | ACER |
| Xavier Hess | RTE |
| Thomas Negrel | RTE |

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| Philip Hewitt | ENAPSYS |
| Stefan Schnydrig | OMPEX |
| Pierre Buisson | GENSCAPE |
| Valter Bastos | EC |
| Saurabh Verma | EC |

1. Welcome; Internal/External development

Márk Csete, *ENTSO-E Market Advisor*, opens the meeting by thanking all participants for their attendance both physically and remotely, as well as for their constant interest and eagerness to provide feedback on their experience with the functioning of the ENTSO-E Transparency Platform (TP).

He continues with the agenda of the meeting:

- During the morning session, **the revision of Manual of Procedures (MoP)** is to be presented by Cris Cotino, *ENTSO-E WG MIT convener*, and Alexander Koistinen, *ENTSO-E Business Analyst*. Márk informs that the revision process of MoP has been continuously discussed with ACER to improve the transparency and data quality and to respond to users' needs as much as possible. On this occasion, he invites ETUG members to provide with their feedback anytime during the meeting.
- After lunch, Dalius Sulga, *Data and Transparency Platform Senior Advisor*, will focus on **download solutions and integration of ENTSO-E Transparency platform**. Again, the feedback from ETUG members on the functioning of each solution is very welcomed.
- Finally yet importantly, Nicolas Roger-Machart, *ENTSO-E Legal Advisor*, will present a controversial copyright provision incorporated in the ENTSO-E Terms of Use in January 2015, which prevents users from free use of data in certain cases.

2. Data quality

- MoP revisions: Detailed data descriptions and Business requirements specification

Cris presents the revisions of MoP, primarily with a focus on the Detailed Data Descriptions (DDD) document to illustrate what kind of data quality improvements and adjustments are suggested to be made on the platform. She highlights that the revisions try to reflect the requests made by stakeholders during previous meetings and informal discussions with ACER.

She starts with an overview on what has been done so far together and describes the next steps in the approval process. Once all the revisions have been validated by the ENTSOE Working Group Market Information and Transparency, the MoP shall be submitted to the ENTSO-E Market Committee approval, hopefully by the end of October, and then provided to ACER as required by the Regulation 543/2013. Subsequently ACER's Opinion is expected by the end of 2016/beginning 2017. The ACER representative present at the ETUG, Rafael Murais Garcia, confirmed this way forward. Then, the internal IT development projects of the inclusion of all amendments in DDDs and BRS both on the ENTSO-E TP's side and in data providers' systems will take place throughout 2017 not necessarily ending in the same year.

Cris goes through the DDD explaining thoroughly the proposed changes and revised data items and participants discuss them. ETUG comments will be afterwards assessed at the ENTSO-E WG MIT level.

Definitions:

- **Impact on the interconnection capacity** – ACER’s comment: *Definition of “Impact on interconnector capacity”*: When reporting a range, we suggest that the range includes a) the expected, b) the minimum and c) the maximum values and not only a minimum and maximum. This would be much more valuable information for market participants. In principle this does not entail any IT development as this primarily affects the report on infrastructure developments which comes in the form of a pdf file.
 - Proposal of ETUG members: To add extra column with expected value - the range of minimum and maximum value, which will be very appreciated by Market participants. Another idea is to fix the estimated value as percentage (+- 5% instead of extra column). The expected value could be calculated based on the past years.
- **Limitation** – the definition seems to be unclear for ETUG members – Ralf will send a proposal for its adjustment after the meeting
- **Unplanned** – the definition seems to be unclear for ETUG members; ETUG proposal: to specify that unplanned means an unpredictable occurrence

Article 6.1.a

- **Specification of calculation**: ... *Absorbed energy is also provided as separate information in Article*: missing number of Article in DDD
- **Net or gross generation?** – Ralf’s comment: the grid connection point is missing in the explanatory picture (grid connection point – in practise, it could be that there is a direct consumer, which is connected to the gross output, i.e. not auxiliary power, it is a direct consumer). Other issue is that auxiliary power should not be considered in net generation. Ralf will try to illustrate it in a more comprehensible way and send it to ENTSO-E representatives after the meeting.

Article 16

- Discussion on 5 calendar OR working days – to be checked by ENTSO-E how the data is delivered on the platform

Article 17.1.f

- **Prices of activated balancing**: The criteria introduced for the sign are in conflict with the draft EB GL (also included in the ACER’s opinion on the EB GL); ETUG members suggest to use directly the EB GL criteria. Rafael will provide ENTSO-E with the concerned articles in the EB GL

Article 17.1.h

- **Total imbalance volume per balance time unit**: The change in the BRS (MWh and indication of surplus/deficit) is not reflected in the DDD – request for copy paste what is in the BRS.

Article 17.1.c

- Ralf comments that the reporting for this data item is not harmonised, e.g. Netherland reports are per MW, not per unit. Hence the detailed description requires additional harmonisation (reporting per euro/MW/period of procurement). Cris proposes to have for each data provider an explicative note at the bottom of the page; to be discussed further by the WG MIT.

Regarding the balancing data items, Cris explains that they remain nearly unchanged at this stage as the final wording of the EB GL has not been agreed yet. Once the EB GL is issued, further amendments of the MoP are expected.

Then, Alexander presents briefly the amendments in the BRS, which are in line with the DDD. Ralf comments that it is not clear what is meant by *Overlapping outages of the same type are not permitted*, thus he sees a

need to make it explicit (planned or unplanned). Cris will open this request during the upcoming WG MIT meeting.

Finally, Alexander gives an explanation on the changes in the MoP cover document, which are mainly reflecting the needed updates on the reference documents and the inclusion of the data download solutions.

Summing up, the revisions in the MoP as a whole are perceived positively by ETUG members. Rafael thanks ENTSO-E for the remarkable work done so far and informs that ACER is satisfied with the revised MoP.

Márk and Cris thank members of ETUG for the valuable contributions made and recall that their feedback is welcome in the upcoming process as well.

Actions/Conclusions

- ENTSO-E will thoroughly assess the changes proposed by ETUG members at the upcoming WG MIT, while for certain data items relevant ETUG members are kindly asked to deliver further specification of their proposals to ENTSO-E representatives without delay.
- ETUG members take note of the revisions proposed by ENTSO-E in the Manual of Procedures and welcome them as a whole
- According to the current plan, the final package of the revised MoP will be subject to approval by ENTSO-E Market Committee in the end of October and then submitted to ACER. Once the revised package is finalised, ENTSO-E will inform ETUG members without delay to start all necessary preparations for their local implementation. The implementation phase of MoP is expected throughout the 2017 not necessarily ending the same year.

3. Download solutions and integration of Transparency platform

Dalius gives an overview of the 6 download solutions currently in place highlighting their positive and negative features, i.e.:

- 1) Via GUI
- 2) Restful API
- 3) Web services queries
- 4) Data repository short term solution
- 5) Data repository ftp solution
- 6) Subscriptions

Further details on each of the download solution are provided in the related presentation available on the ENTSO-E SharePoint.

Dalius highlights especially the popularity and easy use of the ftp solution and invites ETUG members to use it freely. At the same time, he explains that it is not efficient to support all download solutions and calls upon ETUG members to express their opinion on the preferred ones.

Ralf informs that their analysts appreciate especially this ftp solution. The only criticism is that the data are refreshed only once a day there. Dalius responds that ENTSO-E plans to implement a possibility to update the data more often, e.g. every hour. He appeals to ETUG members for sending the list of data items, which are the most important for them and thus, ENTSO-E could prioritise them.

Then, Peter Vieveen, *ENTSO-E Project manager IT Strategy implementation*, presents enhanced version of the platform: TP new GUI, which is a new way of downloading ID data from restful API and was developed based on the feedback from previous ETUG meetings. He shows the attributes of this new interface on the example of Actual Total Load; it offers several new possibilities, as to combine different data items (e.g. actual and forecasted total load) and/or countries, to show various data items in time (e.g. actual and

forecasted total load) and to download it in different formats - xml, csv, json. Peter offers a possibility to ETUG members to show them a live system right after the meeting. ETUG members are interested to see it.

Dalius continues with presenting the integration of Transparency platform – the TP stabilisation to increase performance and efficiency and integrate reporting tool for better publications and reports (for further information, please refer to the relevant presentation available at the ENTSO-E SharePoint). He shows the time plan of it - the foundation with all major functions should be ready by the end of 2016 and intensive testing should start in January 2017. Every feedback from users is very important for ENTSO-E and appreciated at any time. Dalius invites ETUG members interested to participate in testing sessions to contact Transparency Platform helpdesk by email transparency@entsoe.eu. Ralf expresses the interest of his company in testing sessions.

Actions

- ETUG members are invited to provide ENTSO-E with their feedback on the existing download solutions in order ENTSO-E could effectively focus its efforts on the preferred ones.
- ETUG members are kindly asked to send ENTSO-E a list of data items, which are the most important for them in relation to the ENTSO-E ftp download solution. ENTSO-E will prioritise them while improving the solution.
- ETUG members are invited to register in testing sessions of the TP integration via Transparency Platform helpdesk.

4. Terms of use

Nicolas presents the state of play of the review of the *Terms and Conditions for the use of the ENTSO-E Transparency Platform (T&C)* in view to facilitate as much as possible the re-use of the TP data. The current T&C contain a provision requiring TP data user to seek the consent of the primary owner of data in case of its intended re-use of the TP data might prejudice the primary owner of data copyrights or related rights. Some data users expressed their interest in reusing the data more easily. ENSTO-E facilitates the process as much as legally and technically feasible but this remains extremely burdensome for the TP data user, the TSOs, Data Providers, Primary Owners of Data and ENTSO-E.

The ENTSO-E legal assessment concluded that copyrights or related rights could not actually be constituted on the TP data and ENTSO-E therefore would like to delete the controversial provision from the T&C. To ensure the acceptability of such a solution, ENTSO-E first contacted some primary owners of data, especially the PXs, who had expressed reluctance in the past. Negotiations to determine the best way forward are ongoing.

Some ETUG members actually wonder which TP data could be protected by copyrights and related rights and how, if they exist, they could be endangered.

Konstantin Staschus explains, that following the discussion with EUROPEX (primary data owner potentially with copy/IP rights), we seem to be mainly speaking of actual price data. If ETUG members are aware of any other data provider to whom ENTSO-E can talk, they are welcomed to share this information. Rafael as well as the participants of the EC respond that they are not aware of any data provider that could have such copyright reservation.

Conclusions

- ETUG members take note of the copyright issue related to the *General Terms and Conditions for the use of the ENTSO-E Transparency Platform*.
- ENTSO-E will strive for finding an alternative compromise with primary data owners to facilitate the reuse of the TP data by data users.

5. AOB

Márk closes the meeting by thanking all participants for fruitful discussion and valuable feedback on the discussed agenda items; ENTSO-E finds them very helpful while improving the functioning and quality of the TP. Next meeting should be organised in the Q1 2017 to:

- Present the approved MoP revised package together with ACER' s feedback and its further amendments
- The state of play of the implementation process of the revised MoP
- The current status of the TP stabilisation project
- Further plans related to the TP

A doodle poll will be sent to ETUG members in January 2017 to agree on a date, which best suits ETUG members.

Ralf thanks for the meeting and summarizes, that it is impressive to see what efforts ENTSO-E has done so far to improve the TP. He finds the TP development as a real ENTSO-E success.

Action

- A doodle poll for the next meeting to be held in the course of Q1 2017 will be sent to ETUG members in January 2017 with several proposals for a suitable date.