

Minutes of the 37th ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

Thursday, 22 September 2016, 09:30 – 13:00,
HOTEL LEV, Vosnjakova 1, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1. Agenda of the 37th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft agenda of the 37th GWG meeting

Discussion: The GWG Chair, Mr. Vištica, welcomed the meeting participants and introduced the draft agenda.

Conclusions: The agenda has been approved without amendments.

2. Minutes of the 36th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft minutes of the 36th GWG meeting

Discussion: Mr. Vištica invited participants to provide comments on the draft minutes of the previous GWG meeting.

Conclusions: The minutes have been approved without changes.

3. Update on national developments

Related document: -

Discussion: the following updates were provided:

ANRE: secondary legislation in line with new gas law implementing 3rd Package under development.

ERO: WBIF approved grant for feasibility study for gas pipeline Kosovo- Albania; Energy Strategy prepared for public consultation, to be approved soon.

NEURC: new licensing rules adopted; interconnection agreement Ukraine- Romania signed.

ERC: draft certification rules prepared; other secondary legislation being amended (consultant in charge will finalize by end 2016/beginning of 2017); 61km of DN500 network finalized, building of another 36km started.

GNERC: working on new gas law; parts of network code related to connection and metering under development.

E-Control: with reference to requirements of IO NC related to data exchange, E- Control decided to continue using existing system/format by January 2018; however new system is also used in parallel; new 4- years

regulatory period for transmission tariffs start as of January 2017; discussions on joint capacity platform with Hungary ongoing; market integration process RO-HU-AT under preparation.

HERA: new 5- years regulatory period for all tariffs as of January 2017, where also efficiency (X) factor will be introduced; BAL NC implementation process ongoing; NRA is involved in discussions on reverse flow with Hungary.

AEEGSI: new balancing system introduced; activities related to PCI launched.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

4. Update on recent gas related Energy Community developments

Related document: -

Discussion: Mrs. Marsenic informed participants that:

- PECI list had been finalized and that it should be endorsed by the Ministerial Council In October 2016;
- CESEC Action Plan had been amended; the list of measures to be monitored on country-by-country basis had been updated for the EnC CPs- signatories;
- Secretariat prepared an assessment of the application of 3rd Package in Serbia for the purpose of participation of AERS in Working Groups of ACER.

Conclusions: for information only

5. TF 1 – Interoperability

Related document: draft report

Discussion: TF1 Leader, Mr. Popadic, presented the draft report on implementation of the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange in the Energy Community and asked participants to provide comments and clarifications. The recommendation to implement provisions of IO NC in the Energy Community in a timeline not shorter than 2 years has been changed to full implementation in 2 years after adoption. The participants agreed with approval of the report via e-mail after the meeting.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ERC to send completed questionnaire asap;
- TF1 Leader to include comments and finalize the report;
- ECRB Section to send final draft to the GWG and afterwards to the ECRB for approval.

6. TF2 – Regulatory treatment of losses

Related document: draft report

Discussion: TF2 Co-Leader, Mrs. Tubin, presented the draft final report on regulatory treatment of distribution system losses in the Energy Community and asked participants to provide comments and clarifications. The participants agreed with approval of the report via e-mail after the meeting.

Conclusions/Action points:

- TF2 C0- Leaders to include final comments and prepare report for approval;
- ECRB Section to send final draft to the GWG and afterwards to the ECRB for approval.

7. GRI SSE Pilot Projects

Related document: -

Discussion:

Updates on Pilot Projects III and VIII: Pilot Project III is the contribution of the ECRB GWG TF 1 Interoperability- for discussion and agreements see item 5 of these minutes.

Mr. Ischia announced the forthcoming update of the survey of Third Package implementation in the SSE region- new questionnaire had been prepared including the comments of GRI SSE members and it should be circulated for completion in the following weeks. He invited GWG members to take part in this survey.

Implementation of Network Codes: Mrs. Marsenic reminded participants of the conclusions of the second meeting on implementation of EU Gas Network Codes in the Energy Community Contracting Parties, organized the previous day, and announced the third meeting on 20th October in Vienna, where application of Gas Network Codes on CP-MS IPs as well as the details on CMP and CAM would be discussed.

Conclusions/Action points: NRAs to participate in the survey on 3rd Package implementation- Pilot Project VIII of the GRI SSE.

8. ACER Market Monitoring

Related documents: ACER's list of indicators for market monitoring, ACER Market Monitoring Report 2015

Discussion: Mr. Vereecke and Mr. Garcia presented the gas wholesale market monitoring indicators used by ACER as well as experience gained in the process of data collection and processing. Furthermore they presented the new 2016 edition of wholesale market monitoring, published by ACER the previous day. The participants raised a number of questions and provided information on availability of data required for market monitoring.

Conclusions/Action points: ECRB Section to follow-up decisions and activities of ACER related to including Energy Community Contracting Parties in the MMR 2017 and inform the ECRB GWG accordingly.

9. GWG Work Program 2017

Related document: -

Discussion: Mrs. Marsenic invited participants to provide preliminary proposals for the GWG related part of the ECRB Work Program 2017. Mrs. Tubin suggested continuation of work related to network losses e.g. analysis of effects of incentive regulation on losses reduction. Further proposals were not provided. Mrs. Marsenic asked GWG members to send the proposals in a written form. The proposals should include definition of a deliverable, regional relevance of the task as well as the suggested task force leader.

Conclusions/Action points:

- GWG members to send proposals for the Work Program 2017;
- ECRB Section to compile proposals and send for GWG and ECRB approval.

10. Next meeting

Preliminary meeting dates in 2017:

- 1st February;
- 7th June proposed, participants asked to move to end May;
- 19th September, back to back with Gas Forum.

Annex I- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
Vistica	Nikola	HERA- GWG Chair
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Kryvonoh	Tetiana	NEURC
Marsenic Maksimovic	Branislava	ECS
Mitrovski	Dalibor	ERC
Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Saraqini	Astrit	ERO
Stratulat	Elena	ANRE
Tomic	Milenko	SERC
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