

# Minutes of the 30th ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

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## 1. Agenda of the 30th ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft agenda of the 30th GWG meeting

**Discussion:** The GWG Co-Chairs, Mr Cioffo and Mr Vistica, welcomed the meeting participants and asked for comments on the proposed agenda.

**Conclusions:** The agenda has been approved without changes.

**ACTION POINT:** ECRB Section to upload final agenda to the GWG meetings' area on the Energy Community website.

## 2. Minutes of the 29th ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft minutes of the 29th GWG meeting

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

**Conclusions:** The minutes have been approved without changes.

**ACTION POINTS:** ECRB Section to upload final minutes to the Energy Community website.

## 3. Report from the 25th ECRB meeting

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**Related document:** oral update

**Discussion:** Mrs Grall updated the participants on the results of the 27<sup>th</sup> ECRB meeting, in particular:

- The envisaged cooperation with MedReg;
- Mr Cioffo reported to the ECRB on the activities of the GWG.

Mrs Grall also informed participants about the finalization of the report of the High Level Reflection Group of the Energy Community: "An Energy Community for the Future". The report will be presented to the PHLG in June and to the MC in September 2014.

Mr Cioffo provided an overview of the main discussions of the GRI SSE RCC meeting, organized the day before in Warsaw, especially highlighting possible involvement of Energy Community Contracting Party(ies) in the GRI SSE. Mrs Grall announced that the public consultation of ACER's document "A Bridge to 2025" had been

opened and stated that the Energy Community Secretariat planned to provide its contribution. She also invited GWG members to consider participation in this public consultation on NRA level.

**Conclusions/Action points:** ECRB Section to send the link to ACER's public consultation on European Energy Regulation: A Bridge to 2025 to GWG members.

#### ***4. Report from the 25th European Gas Regulatory Forum***

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**Related document:** Conclusions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Madrid Forum

**Discussion:** Mrs Marsenic provided an overview of the discussions of the last EU Gas Regulatory Forum, organized on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2104 in Madrid. She pointed out that the Energy Community Secretariat had informed the participants of the Madrid Forum about its position regarding definition and interpretation of the "interconnection points" as provided in CMP related amendment of Annex 1 of the Regulation 715 as well as in Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (Regulation 984/2013). The ECS invited all EU gas market stakeholders to support its view, namely that the interconnection points are not only those between EU Member States or Energy Community Contracting Parties (in case of implementation of relevant regulations), but also those between EU MS and EnC CPs. Mrs Marsenic stated that ACER supported the position of the ECS and announced preparation of a joint opinion of the ACER and the ECS on applicability of EU Network Codes. She also highlighted that the ECS had been invited to update regularly Madrid Forum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Package implementation in the EnC.

**Conclusions/ACTION POINTS:** ECRB Section to send the link to the Madrid Forum presentations to GWG members

#### ***5. TF1 – Gas Quality and Interoperability***

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**Related document:** presentation Mr Popadic

**Discussion:** Mr Popadic, TF1 Leader, informed participants about the status quo in collecting data on gas quality and presented the preliminary results of analyzed questionnaires. He said that NRAs of EnC CPs, with the exception of Ukraine, provided required information, but that only minority of NRAs of neighboring EU MSs responded to the questionnaire. Ms Kryvonoh stated that NERC had completed the questionnaire, but some additional refinements were necessary- therefore the completed questionnaire would be provided in a short period of time. Having in mind the earlier involvement of RAE-Greece representative(s) in gas quality discussions, Mr Popadic invited ECRB Section to remind relevant GWG member(s) to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

The TF1 Leader proposed to prepare a benchmark of gas quality standards in the Energy Community in comparison to both draft CEN standards and Network Code on Interoperability. The participants agreed with this proposal. Furthermore Mr Popadic raised the question whether the completion of gas quality questionnaire by companies potentially providing new gas sources in the Energy Community would be important and/or possible. Mrs Grall stated that, on one side, it would be not clear to whom the questionnaires should be sent

and on the other, that addressing only some of the “new sources” might lead to discrimination of some of them. Therefore she suggested focusing on analysis of gas quality standards implemented to existing gas flows in the Energy Community. The GWG members supported this view.

Mrs Marsenic informed participants about the intention of CEER to include gas quality of supply in its Benchmarking Report on Quality of Supply, previously prepared every three years for electricity sector (ECRB participated in QoS BR 2011 by providing Annex including results of quality of electricity supply monitoring in the EnC Contracting Parties). In relation to this, Mrs Marsenic provided an overview of discussions of the CEER Internal Workshop on Objectives 6<sup>th</sup> Benchmarking Report on Quality of Supply, organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- NERC- Ukraine to send completed gas quality questionnaire to TF1 Leader as soon as possible;
- ECRB Section to remind RAE- Greece to complete the gas quality questionnaire;
- TF1 Leader to prepare draft analysis by end of June 2014;
- ECRB Section to follow up the preparation of gas- related questionnaires for the purpose of 6<sup>th</sup> CEER/ECRB/MedReg Benchmarking Report on Quality of Supply and inform GWG accordingly.

## **6. TF 2 – Gas Storage**

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**Related document:** Agenda of the Workshop on UGS

**Discussion:** GWG Co-Chair, Mr Cioffo, announced that the workshop on Underground Gas Storage, as envisaged by the ECRB WP 2014, should be organized on 28th May. Also expressed his regret that TF2 Leader, Ms Tubin, had not been able to come and participate in the workshop.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

## **7. TF 3 – Network Codes/Framework Guidelines**

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### **a. CMP and CAM**

**Related document:** Adaptation of Annex I to Regulation 715/2009 in the Energy Community; Adaptation of Regulation 984/2013 Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in the Energy Community

**Discussion:** Mrs Grall reminded participants about the steps, both performed and envisaged, in the process of implementation of the Third Package related gas Network Codes on capacity allocation and congestion management procedures. She highlighted in particular the main discussions of the Workshop on CAM&CMP, jointly organized by the ECS and ENTSOG on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in Vienna as well as the position of the ECS regarding definition of interconnection points (see also under item 4). Mrs Grall announced that a document expressing GWG’s position on implementation of CAM and CMP NC should be prepared by the ECRB Section, sent to GWG for approval and forwarded afterwards to the PHLG in June 2014.

Ms Spasic underlined that the deadlines proposed in mentioned adaptations were not reasonable, having in mind the status of gas market developments in the Energy Community Contracting Parties. She also pointed

out that the definition of interconnection points, as set in those adaptations, had not allowed for proportionate treatment of EU MSs and EnC CPs, because the adaptations were not obligatory applicable to EU MS. Therefore she stressed that only change of relevant EU regulations would bring reciprocity and allow for creating harmonized European gas market. Mrs Grall agreed with the view on reciprocity of NC implementation and informed participants that also ACER supported this position and announced preparation of a joint paper on this issue to be submitted to the European Commission. Mr Cioffo asked if it was possible that ACER requested amendment of relevant EU regulation. Mrs Grall stated that this should be possible. Regarding deadlines for implementation, Mrs Grall pointed out that this should be the matter of negotiations of EnC CPs.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to prepare draft GWG position on adaptation of Annex I to Regulation 715/2009 as well as of Regulation 984/2013 Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in the Energy Community and circulate to GWG for approval;
- ECRB Section to forward approved GWG position to the PHLG.

***b. Network Code on Harmonized Transmission Tariff Structures and Proposal on Incremental Capacity***

**Related document:** NC on Harmonized Transmission Tariff Structures- Launch Documentation; ACER Assessment of Policy Options- Justification Document for FG on Tariffs; Launch Documentation for the Incremental Capacity Proposal

**Discussion:** Mrs Marsenic informed participants about the finalization of Draft Network Code on Harmonized Transmission Tariff Structures and of Incremental Proposal (amendments to CAM NC and part of TAR NC) by ENTSOG. Taking into consideration that ECRB WP 2014 included providing ECRB input to NC/FG development process, Mrs Marsenic announced that the questionnaires for public consultation as well as all relevant documentation would be circulated to GWG once published by ENTSOG. She also said that the ECRB Section should compile all responses received and provide joint GWG response to ENTSOG.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to circulate questionnaires as well as all relevant documentation for public consultation on TAR NC and Incremental Proposal to GWG;
- GWG to carefully consider all relevant documents and provide responses to ENTSOG questionnaires;
- ECRB Section to compile the responses and send joint GWG response to ENTSOG.

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**8. Case studies**

***a. Gas balancing in Austria***

**Related document:** presentation Mrs Carola Millgram (E-Control)

**Discussion:** Mrs Millgram presented the main pillars of gas market model in Austria as well as the gas balancing system, both on transmission and distribution level.

**Conclusions/Action points:** no conclusions required; agenda item for information / discussion. ECRB Section to make the presentation available in the meeting section on the Energy Community website.

## ***b. Gas balancing in Germany***

**Related document:** presentation Mr Nortmann (Bundesnetzagentur)

**Discussion:** Mr Nortmann presented the entry exit system in Germany, overview of gas balancing system (procurement of balancing energy, calculation of imbalance charges and neutrality arrangements) as well as its link to the NC BAL, recently published as Regulation (EC) 312/2014.

**Conclusions/Action points:** no conclusions required; agenda item for information / discussion. ECRB Section to make the presentation available in the meeting section on the Energy Community website.

## ***9. LNG in Italy***

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**Related document:** presentation Mr Carlesimo (Adriatic LNG)

**Discussion:** Mr Carlesimo presented the infrastructure project of developing Adriatic LNG Terminal, explained terminal function and design, the regasification process, operating performances, capacity allocation and regasification tariffs.

**Conclusions/Action points:** no conclusions required; agenda item for information / discussion. ECRB Section to make the presentation available in the meeting section on the Energy Community website.

## ***10. Workshop on Market Monitoring***

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**Related document:** Agenda of Workshop on Market Monitoring

**Discussion:** Mrs Grall presented the draft agenda of the Workshop on Market Monitoring, as agreed with ECRB WG Chairs and in line with ECRB WP 2014, and informed participants that it would be organized back to back with GWG meeting and Gas Forum In October 2014 in Ljubljana. She also asked participants to provide comments. The participants agreed with proposed agenda.

**Conclusions/Action points:** ECRB Section to follow up organization of the Workshop on Market Monitoring

## ***11. AOB***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** -

**Conclusions/Action points:** -



## ***12. Next meeting***

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The next meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Ljubljana, back to back with 9<sup>th</sup> Energy Community Gas Forum (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October) and WS on Market Monitoring (9<sup>th</sup> October).

## Annex- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
Anicic	Jelena	REGAGEN
Bundaleski	Slavko	ERC
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Cioffo	Vincenzo	AEEG, GWG Co-Chair
Grall- Edler	Nina	ECS- ECRB Section
Hoxha	Bardhi	ERE
Kryvonoh	Tetiana	NERC
Marsenic Maksimovic	Branislava	ECS- ECRB Section
Nortmann	Daniel	BNetza
Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Saraqini	Astrit	ERO
Shuli	Maksim	ERE
Spasic	Ivana	AERS
Tomic	Milenko	SERC
Vistica	Nikola	HERA, GWG Co-Chair
<b>Excused</b>		
Tubin- Mitrovic	Branka	AERS