

## 7<sup>th</sup> Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

Ljubljana, Slovenia

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### **Update on the Energy Community and revision of Regulation 994/2010**

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1. The Commission presented the current status of the Regulation 994/2010 revision process and in particular i) the logic for defining regions; ii) the coexistence of national and regional plans; the concept of solidarity; iv) the provisions on transparency of contracts. It was noted that important discussions are still on-going on these issues at the EU level.
2. The Group expressed its firm support for the proposed switch-on principle in order to ensure reciprocity of rights and obligations at the interface between Contracting Parties and Member States. The Secretariat and the Contracting Parties were invited to take an active role during this process a key platform of which is the well-established Gas Coordination Group. Ukraine specifically called on the Energy Community Secretariat and the Commission to facilitate more operational involvement in the Energy Community in the elaboration of legislative proposals directly relevant for the ENC CPs.
3. The Secretariat briefed the Group on the status of the Treaty implementation and infrastructure development relevant for security of supply both for Contracting Parties with as well as those currently without a gas infrastructure.

### **Security of supply in practice – role of system operators; SoS status quo in the Energy Community**

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4. Security of Supply Statements for 2016 were submitted only by fYR of Macedonia and Ukraine. The Group stressed the importance of adopting and submitting such Statements, a legal obligation under the Treaty and the gas acquis. At the same time, they are the most accurate source of national situation and a basis for a regional outlook of the Energy Community security of gas supply.
5. The Group welcomed the presentation of the EU system operators related to preventive and emergency measures.
6. The Group members discussed a short analysis which the Secretariat provided on the impact of solidarity clause from the revised Regulation draft, and updated the Group with new information. The analysis should also take into account specific operational scenarios (e.g. logistics constraints) when assessing SoS exposure. The Group discussed security of gas supply for the winter 2016/2017. Ukraine briefed the Group about its experience with a pilot project with DG JRC of the Commission on the security of gas supply.

### **Next steps**

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7. The Group shall be convened on an ad hoc basis, especially in the view of the Regulation 994/2010 revision process. Next regular meeting is planned for February 2017 in Vienna.