

Minutes of the 35th ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna

Wednesday, 10 February 2015, 10:00 – 17:00

1. Agenda of the 35th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft agenda of the 35th GWG meeting

Discussion: The GWG Chair, Mr. Vištica, welcomed the meeting participants and introduced the draft agenda. He also proposed to include a designation of a Deputy Chair in the meeting agenda and announced the presentation of Albanian regulatory authority on recent TSO certification process. The participants agreed with the proposed agenda.

Conclusions: The agenda has been approved with the abovementioned amendments.

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

2. Minutes of the 34th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft minutes of the 34th 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.

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

3. Designation of a Deputy Chair

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Grall informed participants that, as a result of the invitation to the GWG members to apply for the position of the GWG Deputy Chair, one application had been sent by Ms. Tetiana Kryvonoh, representing Ukrainian regulatory authority (NEURC). The Chairmen welcomed the application of Ms. Kryvonoh and, in line with the ECRB Internal Rules of Procedure, invited participant to agree with the nomination. The participants unanimously agreed with the proposal.

Conclusions/Action points: GWG members appointed Ms. Tetiana Kryvonoh as the GWG Deputy Chair.

4. Report from the 32nd ECRB meeting

Related document: -

Discussion: Mrs. Grall informed participants about the results of the 32nd ECRB meeting, in particular that:

- ECRB elected Mr. Branislav Prelevic as President for 2016-2017;
- ECRB approved adjustments to the rules for development of the ECRB Opinion on draft certification decisions (the main amendment is related to protection of confidentiality);
- ECRB discussed participation of the ECRB working groups in the relevant ACER working groups. Mrs. Grall invited regulators to involve the Secretariat in review of draft secondary legislation having in mind that existence of such is precondition for participation and also a requirement under the CESEC and WB6 Initiatives.
- ECRB discussed Work Program 2016 (approved later by written procedure).

Conclusions/Action points: for information

5. TF 1 – Interoperability

Related document: draft questionnaire on interoperability

Discussion: TF1 Leader, Mr. Popadic, presented the draft questionnaire for collecting data on implementation of provisions of Regulation (EC) 2015/703 on interoperability and data exchange in the Energy Community. The participants agreed to provide comments to the questionnaire in written form in 2 weeks time.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB section to circulate the draft questionnaire to the GWG for comments;
- GWG members to provide comments in 2 weeks;
- TF Leader and the ECRB Section to include comments received and send to the GWG for completion.

6. TF2 – Regulatory treatment of losses

Related document: draft questionnaire on regulatory treatment of losses

Discussion: TF2 Leaders, Mrs. Tubin and Mr. Pirveli, presented the draft questionnaire for collection of data on regulatory treatment of distribution network losses and invited the participants to provide comments. The participants agreed to provide comments to the questionnaire in written form in 2 weeks time.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB section to circulate the draft questionnaire to the GWG for comments;
- GWG members to provide comments in 2 weeks;
- TF Leaders and the ECRB Section to include comments received and send to the GWG for completion.

7. Certification of TAP in Albania

Related document: presentation ERE

Discussion: Mrs. Shehaj and Mr. Shuli from Albanian regulatory authority (ERE) provided a presentation on TSO certification procedure and certification decision for TAP AG in Albania. Mrs. Grall explained the Secretariat's Opinion on ERE preliminary certification decision and pointed out that the Secretariat requested ERE to re-do the certification decision once TAP AG is operational.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

8. Regulatory accounts in Austria

Related document: presentation E-Control

Discussion: Mr. Goerlich presented the practice of Austrian regulatory authority (E-Control) in regulating transmission and distribution network tariffs, in particular focusing on the regulatory accounts and recalculation of costs/allowed revenue.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

9. Assessment of gas capacity booking platforms

Related document: presentation Baringa

Discussion: Mr. Rakhou and Mr. Parmar presented the results of the study on current status of implementation of three existing capacity booking platforms (PRISMA, GSA, RBP) with requirements of the EU Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms, done by Baringa Partners in 2015.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

10. GRI SSE Pilot Projects

Related document: -

Discussion:

Transparency: Mrs. Marsenic informed participants that collection of transparency data had been finalized and that the relevant report should be sent to the GWG and the ECRB for approval. She also highlighted the relevance of updating the transparency questionnaires on a regular basis. The participants agreed to update the transparency questionnaires in summer 2016.

Early implementation of Network Codes: Ms. Kryvonoh informed participants about the status quo regarding implementation of joint capacity allocation mechanisms the interconnection points between Ukraine and Poland.

Gas market integration options in GRI SSE: Mrs. Grall informed participants that the Study on cross-border gas market integration in the Energy Community” should be finalized soon.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB section to circulate the transparency questionnaire to GWG for update in summer 2016;
- NEURC and URE to follow-up implementation of pilot project on CAM at UKR- PL IPs and consequently inform GRI SSE RCC and ECRB GWG;

11. Update on national development

Related document: -

Discussion: Following updates were provided:

HERA: 3% increase of gas consumption; working on implementation of CAM NC- Plinacro joined two capacity booking platforms; as of March 2016 annual reservation of capacity available; public hearing on LNG tariff methodology to be launched soon.

AERS: updating of tariff methodologies ongoing; minor changes in switching rules applied; amendments of transmission network code prepared, however their implementation has been postponed.

ERC: draft energy law implementing 3rd Package prepared, but still not approved; however secondary legislation shall be prepared- a working group has been appointed; one supplier switching registered recently (steel factory changed gas supplier), regulatory authority established new department- in charge of market monitoring; regulatory authority will regulate water prices also (relevant law currently under preparation).

REGAGEN: new energy law implementing 3rd Package adopted; secondary legislation under preparation; 3rd member of the regulatory board has been appointed; tender for technical assistance for preparation of gas secondary legislation still not finalized – waiting on decision of public procurement commission.

ERE: new gas law implementing 3rd Package approved; work on secondary legislation ongoing.

ERO: three new members of the regulatory board appointed

NERC: transmission tariffs for 2016 set; transmission, distribution and storage network codes entered into force; procedures for capacity allocation via auctions opened for public consultation; procedure for certification under preparation.

GNERC: 15% increase in gas consumption; twinning project with E-Control ongoing, dealing primarily with cost revision and market monitoring; connection rules prepared.

SERC: primary legislation implementing 3rd Package under preparation.

Conclusions/Action points: for information



12. AOB

Related document: -

Discussion: Mrs. Grall informed participants that ACER is ready to include Energy Community Contracting Parties in its 2017 Market Monitoring Report. She also announced that the Secretariat would organize the workshop on capacity platforms on 14th March 2016, where both NRAs and TSOs should be invited.

Conclusions/Action points: -

13. Next meeting

Next GWG meeting will be organized on 16th June 2016 in Budapest, Hungary, back to back with ACER GRI SSE RC and SG meetings on 16th and 17th June 2016.

Annex I- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
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Langeder	Gerhard	E-Control
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Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Saraqini	Astrit	ERO
Sejfijaj	Besim	ERO
Shehaj	Entela	ERE
Shuli	Maksim	ERE
Tomic	Milenko	SERC
Tubin- Mitrovic	Branka	AERS