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Guidelines of Good Practice on Information Management and Transparency

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Background



- In March 2006 ERGEG published a consultation paper "Guidelines of Good Practice on Information Management and Transparency" and sought views
- In the public consultation 22 responses were received
- A public hearing followed on the 6th of July 2006 to bring clarity to details
- The Guidelines were approved by ERGEG at the beginning of August 2006

The objectives of the Guidelines



- The Guidelines seek to establish a consistent approach to the provision of market related information to wholesale market participants across Member States
- The Guidelines
 - ◆ Set out ERGEG's views on the required level of transparency that shall at the minimum be in place across the European market
 - ◆ Are intended to give a minimum set of rules required for the organisation of information and its dissemination across the European market
 - ◆ Set out general principles governing information release

General principles



- Information shall generally be made available to market participants unless there is a strong reason against it
- Information that is not to be released must be carefully ring-fenced
- Information may be made available in a variety of ways and in a variety of formats
- The appropriate format of providing information (e.g. aggregated, non-aggregated) depends on the nature of the information and the prevailing market situation

Methodology of Guidelines



- Required information
- Timing of publication
- Time frame
- Key benefits
- Information provider
- Information source

Five areas of transparency requirements (1)



- System load (consumption) information
 - ◆ Actual load
 - ◆ Load forecasts
 - ◆ Forecast margin
- Transmission and access to interconnections
 - ◆ Grid expansion projects & impact on transmission capacities
 - ◆ Planned & unplanned outages
 - ◆ Forecasts and values for interconnection capacity
 - ◆ Intra-day allocations of ATC
 - ◆ Capacity reserved for balancing
 - ◆ Congestion income

Five areas of transparency requirements (2)



- Generation (units of 10 MW and above)
 - ◆ Total and available installed generation capacity per unit and its aggregated evolution
 - ◆ Ex ante and ex post information on planned and unplanned unavailabilities of generation units and significant consumption units
 - ◆ Ex ante aggregated information on scheduled generation
- Balancing
- Wholesale market information
 - ◆ Aggregated supply and demand curves, prices and volumes for standard traded products
 - ◆ Prices and volumes of the OTC market

Conclusions



- The establishment of a pan-European framework is of utmost importance for the development and functioning of the competitive electricity markets
- The Guidelines form an important framework for the implementation of actions that are part of Electricity Regional Initiatives
- An important issue is voluntary vs. binding nature of the rules → ERGEG will provide with the Commission with formal advice on this in the near future