



Gas Infrastructure Europe

GIE Comments on the ERGEG Roadmap

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General Comments

- GIE fully supports the production of a Roadmap for the creation of the single European gas market, to provide:
 - a clear direction for the future, focusing on key issues that will make a genuine difference
 - a stable and predictable regulatory agenda
 - a holistic approach
 - infrastructure operators facilitate competition, commodity players make it happen
- The ERGEG Roadmap delivers near term visibility and a pragmatic approach to address market liberalisation through the Regional Initiatives
- However, we would preferred a longer term plan, but recognise the difficulty in producing this

Specific Comments

- We are pleased with the degree of importance placed on investment and ensuring that regulatory arrangements facilitate efficient investments in necessary infrastructure
- Of particular importance for non-domestic investment is regulatory co-operation, where we believe there is significant potential for improvement
- We will consider GIE's involvement in a potential European winter outlook and review what is currently produced in electricity

Regional Initiatives

- We recognise the difficulty in defining regions. Rather than overly debate the regional definitions, we should begin the process and if required make adjustments as experience is gained
- It is important that decision making is transparent and a thorough consultation process is established
- Before priority areas are determined there needs to be a detailed analysis of the current situation in each region. All stakeholders should have the opportunity to contribute to this

Conclusion

- We welcome the publication of the Roadmap and the launch of the Regional Initiatives
- We believe the Regional Initiatives are a pragmatic approach to addressing market liberalisation issues; however we need to ensure that the regional initiatives are a stepping stone to the completion of the single European gas market
- To this end it is important to ensure co-ordination across the Regions and consistency with the development of the issues within the Green Paper