



Draft Guidelines for good practice for Open Seasons

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Draft guidelines on Open Seasons

- Need for more available network capacity in new infrastructure and optimised use of existing ones.
- Open seasons important to develop networks **according to market needs.**
- Open seasons should be used for all investments with a **significant impact on the market:**
 - use them for all investments that relieve long-term congestion;
 - not for small investments: complication and delayed investment process;
 - §11: Regulators should **always** require the SO to start an open seasons procedure when there is physical congestion



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- §20.6: take care that the requirement to oversize infrastructure to offer short-term capacity is not a disincentive to invest for newcomers.
- Reasonable guarantee required at the time of capacity allocation
- **Regional planning processes** need to be developed.