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Views by Eurogas
on

Transparency – principles and practice
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ERGEG's survey provides a useful basis for discussion.

User-friendly transparency of system operations is a prerequisite of a well functioning gas market, and there should be a presumption towards such transparency, unless a need for confidentiality can be justified to the NRA, in line with the requirements of the Regulation.

Therefore:

Deficiencies in the implementation of the transparency requirements are a matter of concern

- TSOs have a responsibility to deliver improvements
- NRAs have to enforce better implementation

Eurogas views on areas for further improvement

- Need for more flow information on a daily basis and also more granular information, for example monthly data with regard to a year's contract
- Publication of all non-user specific information. TSOs should not use special programs or databases.
- The TSOs should provide information on
 - § probability of interruption
 - § information that would be useful to balancing
- Detailed system maps should show the names of all entry and exit points that are to be classed as relevant points.

3 – Shipper rule

Eurogas proposes that Guidelines be developed to contribute to better and more harmonized implementation of this rule.

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