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GTE 3rd Package Initial Reaction

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GTE Initial Reactions to 3rd Package

- Focus upon TSO cooperation (ENTSOG) and Agency
- Ambitious and challenging programme
- Upgrade to GTE+ in 2008; first step towards ENTSOG
- More GTE views later; look forward to working with Commission



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ENTSO

- Fundamental role of TSOs
 - facilitation of the European market
 - opportunity to enhance cooperation arrangements
 - new responsibility and formal body the best model for delivery
- Relationship with the Commission and the Agency
 - interaction with both the Commission and the Agency
 - increased Commission role to assist “voluntary implementation”
 - regulatory endorsement via ACER and subsequent support from NRAs?

➡ Progress can be made but expectations must be realistic



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ENTSOGE Development & Consultation Processes

- Processes will be
 - transparent
 - fully inclusive
 - participative
- Decision making to ensure progress
- Fair consideration of all stakeholder views and ideas
- Recommendations/decisions to be justified

➡ Success will depend on full stakeholder participation



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The Agency

- to assist cooperation of regulators
- resolution of cross-border issues essential
- Agency / ENTSOG co-ordination vital
- Agency role to endorse ENTSOG codes?
 - NRA support for ENTSOG codes will enable implementation



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Regional Focus

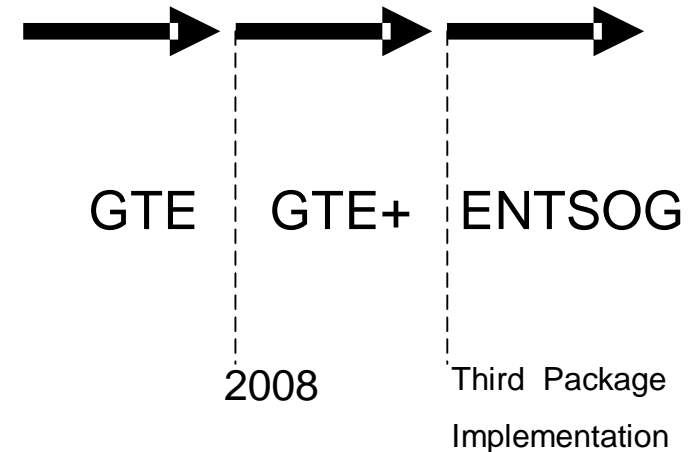
- practical and pragmatic approach to make progress
- Scope to accelerate progress.
- GTE will assist to identify regions



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ENTSOG Interim Arrangements

- Interim upgraded organisation, GTE+
 - Hire additional people
 - Develop and implement new statutes
 - New decision making process
 - Liaise with ERGEG, Easee-gas,... to clarify their contributions to the process
- The GTE+ work programme will focus on:
 - Consultation on the Consultation and Development processes
 - Annual Work Programme Consultation
 - Transparency
 - Ten Year Statement
 - Capacity initiativesto prove the concept
- GTE+ and TSO members will seek to promote market evolution





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Summary

- Welcome ENTSOG and Agency proposals
- Challenging programme
- Want to work with Commission / wider stakeholders
- Need wide stakeholder support to deliver success
- Regional approach affords opportunity for early change
- GTE+ as first step towards ENTSOG in 2008