

Minutes of the 49th ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, 6 October 2020, 10:00 – 13:00

CISCO WEBEX Meeting hosted by the Energy Community Secretariat

1. Opening and Agenda of the 49th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft agenda of the 49th GWG meeting

Discussion: Ms. Elena Stratulat, GWG Chair, welcomed the meeting participants, introduced the draft agenda and asked for comments. The participants did not have any remarks and the agenda was approved.

Conclusions: The agenda has been approved without amendments.

2. Minutes of the 48th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft minutes of the 48th GWG meeting

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat invited participants to provide comments on the draft minutes of the previous GWG meeting.

Conclusions: The minutes have been approved without amendments.

3. Update on national developments

Related document: -

Discussion: The following updates were provided:

NEURC: amendments to the transmission network code related to balancing- tolerance levels reduced, imbalance prices increased; implementation of neutrality charge postponed; MoU on development of a trading platform signed; allocation of capacity on GSA and RBP platform launched in July 2020; SoLR appointed and relevant rules improved.

AERS: TYNDP of Yugorosgaz approved, TYNDP for Transportgas under public consultation; NRA's Annual Report published; legislation on quality of supply under amendments- introduction of penalties considered; new transmission tariff methodology under preparation, in order to reach full alignment with TAR NC.

ANRE: dispute resolution on distribution losses settled and decision on losses approved; consultation on transposition of BAL NC ongoing, to be adopted by December 2020; MTG decided to use RBP platform for capacity allocation; new IA with RO concluded; preparation of REMIT implementation ongoing.

GNERC: BAL NC transposed; market concept design under development; 3-years tariffs for all activities set in June 2020; DSOs to submit 5-years development plans according to new investment appraisal rules.

ERE: Network Code of Albgaz approved; 27% of TAP completed, relevant network code to be approved soon; working TAP network code approved; majority of secondary legislation rules for ALBGAS approved.

DERK: no update due to internet connection difficulties.

REGAGEN: Energy law amendments approved; methodologies for allowed revenues and tariffs for all gas activities under preparation, including the rules for LNG and storage; general conditions for gas supply under preparation; no progress in infrastructure development.

EMRA: spot products traded on exchange, legislation on futures market opened for public consultation, futures market to be operational in 2021.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

4. Update on gas related recent Energy Community developments

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Marsenic informed participants about the recent Energy Community developments, in particular that:

- EnC Treaty amendments discussion soon to be finalized and proposed to MC in December 2020;
- CP TSOs and ECS active in Methane Guiding Principles Association;
- EnC hydrogen study launched;
- EnC study on biofuels in transport to be finalized soon;
- EnC study on energy poverty to be launched soon- tendering procedure ongoing;
- ECS publish the Policy guidelines on measurements;
- Dispute resolution on losses in distribution networks of Moldovagaz, performed under the ECS Dispute resolution center, successfully closed;

Conclusions/Action points: for information

5. TF 1 – Wholesale market monitoring

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat presented the preliminary findings on gas wholesale markets in the EnC CPs and announced that the final report would be finalized and sent to GWG for comments and approval soon.

Regarding the contribution to ACER MMR Gas Wholesale 2019, Ms. Marsenic informed participants that the final report on gas wholesale markets was published end September and that the retail volume would follow by October 2020. She also thanked NRAs for their valuable input and cooperation.

Conclusions/Action points:

- TF1 Leader and the ECRB Section to finalize draft ECRB MMR Gas Wholesale and send to GWG for comments;
- NRAs to provide comments to the wholesale MMR in required deadline;
- TF1 Leader and the ECRB Section to include the comments received and send the final draft to GWG for approval;
- TF1 Leader and the ECRB Section to forward the approved version to the ECRB for approval in December 2020.

6. TF2- CMP Network Code implementation

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Marsenic updated participants on the status quo regarding preparation of the 1st ECRB Annual report on contractual congestions at IPs of the EnC CPs and presented the draft report. She also said that the draft report would be circulated for comments after the meeting.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB Section to circulate the draft final report to GWG for comments;
- NRAs to provide comments to the congestions report in required deadline;
- TF2 Leader and the ECRB Section to include the comments received and forward the report for the GWG approval;
- ECRB Section to forward the approved version to the ECRB for approval in December 2020.

Conclusions/Action points: -

7. TF4- Regulatory investment climate

Related document:-

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat reminded participants about the proposal of the CEER regarding the preparation of the joint deliverable on regulatory investment climate in 2021. She asked Mr. Geradze, if he would be ready to lead this TF for the GWG in the next year. Mr. Geradze accepted the invitation.

Conclusions/Action points:

- TF4 activities will be performed in cooperation with the ECRB EWG and the relevant CEER TF in 2021

8. Work Program 2021

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat reminded participants of the ECRB obligations regarding implementation of the TAR TF, namely that a report on the methodologies and parameters used to determine the allowed revenue of transmission system operators should be published before 1st October 2021. Therefore she asked that a relevant

TF is established under the GWG and, taking into consideration his previous GWG activities regarding tariffs, asked Mr. Popadic to take over the leadership of this TF. Mr. Popadic accepted the invitation.

The Chairwoman proposed that the other TFs continue their regular activities in 2021:

- TF1 Market Monitoring- annual reporting for the ECRB and ACER;
- TF2 Regulatory investment climate
- TF3 Network code implementation- annual obligation of the ECRB on congestions and the report on tariffs (only in 2021);
- TF5 Transparency- biennial activity.

The participants agreed with the proposals for the WP 2021.

Conclusions/Action points: topics for the WP 2021 –GWG part agreed.

9. AOB

Related document: -

Discussion: -

Conclusions/Action points: -

10. Next meeting

Next GWG meeting shall be organized on 10th February 2021 in Vienna or online, depending on pandemic situation.

Annex I- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
Stratulat	Elena	ANRE- GWG Chair
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Grall	Nina	ECS
Kigilcim	Onur	EPDK
Khozrevanidze	Sopio	GNERC
Korucuogullari	Asude	EPDK
Kryvonoh	Tetiana	NEURC
Marsenic Maksimovic	Branislava	ECS
Milovanovic	Dejana	AERS
Nashi	Agim	ERE
Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Shuli	Maksim	ERE
Tomic	Milenko	SERC
Tubin- Mitrovic	Branka	AERS