

Minutes of the 51st ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, 2nd June 202, 10:00- 12:00

CISCO WEBEX Meeting hosted by the Energy Community Secretariat

1. Opening and Agenda of the 51st ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft agenda of the 51st 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 50th ECRB GWG meeting

Related document: Draft minutes of the 50th 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. Report 48th ECRB meeting

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat informed participants about the discussions and conclusions of the last ECRB plenary meeting. She highlighted in particular that the ECRB Work Program 2021 had been amended (for CRM WG and EWG).

Conclusions: for information

4. Update on national developments

Related document: -

Discussion: The following updates were provided:

ERE: Several acts were adopted- licensing regulation for LNG, operational relus for PSO supplier, standard contract for households and small customers, storage regulation; methodologies for access to LNG and storage under preparation.

DERK: supply route for BIH changed as of 1st April, on request of Gazprom, to Turk Stream.

ERC: tender for building distribution network in the second phase, a company shall be elected by end of 2021, changes in tariff methodology to better reflect DSO investments under preparation; final settlement with regard to TSO ownership to be ready soon, application for certification to follow.

REGAGEN: five methodologies related to gas sector ready for adoption.

GNERC: market concept sent to Government for approval; market rules under preparation; new methodology for normative losses as well as investment appraisal rules to be adopted soon; TSO submitted application for certification to the NRA; DSOs submitted 5-year development plans to NRA for approval.

ANRE: preliminary certification decision for VMTG sent to ECRB and ECS for opinion; MTG submitted request for certification, ANRE working on this; balancing entity determined; action plan for BAL NC implementation under preparation.

AERS: Horgos IP used for peaks and BIH supply only; long winter period led to empty storages; in the process of unbundling, the assets of the TSO transferred to the Government; new tariffs for Transportgas Srbija to be approved soon; Energy Law amended in April 2021- giving the NRA necessary basis for NC implementation, AERS will draft guidelines for NC implementation in 2 months after the law adoption; wholesale license requirements changed- if a trader has the license in an EU MS, no need for licensing in Serbia.

NEURC: since 21.5. the market fully liberalized, the last PSO- for DH, canceled; switching procedure for households simplified; suppliers allowed to have different offers, however an annual product for households has to be provided.

E-CONTROL: PCI Murfeld- connection with HR not supported any more due to clean transition; new TYNDP being prepared, based on reinvestments, NRA published guidelines on RAB recalculation; new balancing regime under preparation, with the aim to have one balancing regulation for both TSOs and DSOs as of 2022; NRA evaluates potential application of implicit allocations on some IPs (ref. to CAM NC)

ERO: ToR for gas master plan finalized, supported by WBIF; feasibility study of Millennium project to follow soon;

Conclusions/Action points: for information

5. Update on gas related recent Energy Community developments

Related document: -

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

- ECS prepared the first report on methane leakages in line with Marcogaz methodology, it would be regularly updated;
- EnC hydrogen study finalized;
- Regulation 1938/2017, on security of supply, to be proposed for adoption for the Energy Community at the MC meeting end 2021.

Conclusions/Action points: for information

6. TF1 – Wholesale market monitoring

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Marsenic informed participants on the status quo regarding preparation of the ECRB MMR and contribution to ACER MMR. On the ECRB report, she highlighted that majority of information had been collected and that the draft results should be presented in the next GWG meeting and the Gas Forum.

Regarding the contribution to ACER MMR Gas Wholesale 2020, Ms. Marsenic pointed out that the final draft was finalized and it would be circulated to GWG for comments on 7 June. The publication of the report and its public presentation are expected beginning of July.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB Section to circulate ACER MMR Gas Wholesale to GWG for comments;
- TF Leader and ECRB Section to prepare draft ECRB MMR Gas Wholesale before the next meeting in September.

7. TF2- Regulatory investment climate

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms Marsenic informed participants that data collection had been finalized and that CEER TF started to analyze the received information. She also said the CEER TF would communicate directly with NRAs in case clarifications should be needed.

Conclusions/Action points:

- TF Leader and NRAs to cooperate with CEER TF in the process of analyzing data on regulatory investment climate;

8. TF3- Network Code implementation

Related document: draft questionnaires

Discussion:

Report on congestions: The ECRB Section informed participants about the status regarding data collection and invited NRAs to submit the missing information as soon as possible.

Report on methodologies and parameters used to determine the allowed or target revenue of TSOs: as above

Report on conditionalities stipulated in contracts for standard capacity products for firm capacity: Ms Marsenic reminded participants about the obligation of the ECRB to prepare this report and the necessity to amend the ECRB Work Program 2021 adequately. She announced the launch of the activities related to preparation of the report, i.e. preparation, circulation and adoption of the questionnaire, in July 2021.

Conclusions/Action points:

- NRAs to send the missing questionnaires on congestions and tariff methodologies as soon as possible;
- TF Leader and the ECRB Section to draft reports on congestions and tariff methodologies and send to GWG for comments and approval;
- ECRB Section to require amendment to the ECRB WP 2021 so to include preparation of report on conditionalities; ECRB to appoint the TF Co-Leader for this activity;
- TF Co-Leader to prepare the draft questionnaire on conditionalities in July 2021.

9. TF4- Transparency

Related document: -

Discussion: Ms. Stratulat presented the updated questionnaire on transparency, allowing now also the monitoring of transparency requirements of TAR NC. She also announced that the questionnaire would be sent for comments and approval after the meeting.

Conclusions/Action points:

- ECRB Section to circulate the updated questionnaire on transparency to GWG for comments and approval;
- TF Leader to prepare the draft report before the next GWG meeting.

10. AOB

Related document: -

Discussion: -

Conclusions/Action points: -

11. Next meeting

Next GWG meeting scheduled for 22nd September 2021, back to back with the EnC Gas Forum in Ljubljana.

Annex I- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
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