

Consultation 27 on proposed adaptations of transmission services Brussels, January 26, 2018

In a continuous effort to further improve its service offering, Fluxys Belgium is proposing adjustments to its transmission services with a focus on (i) introducing Substitution services, (ii) introducing the VIP BE-NL by merging the IPs Zelzate 1, Zandvliet H and 's Gravenvoeren, (iii) streamlining and optimizing the booking and invoicing processes and (iv) technical changes.

Considering the current regulatory situation with regards to the balancing activities in the Belux area, the consultation is being exceptionally conducted simultaneously on two sets of documents:

- For the phase 1- current (Fluxys Belgium operates as Balancing operator for the Belux area) : the last version of the regulated documents as approved by the CREG on 17 July 2017.
- For the phase 2 – pending (Balansys becomes Balancing operator in the BeLux area) : the last version of the regulated documents as consulted in June 2017 (consultation 26).

1. Substitution services

The Substitution services are intended to enable Grid Users holding unbundled capacity at an interconnection point to convert that capacity into either a bundled capacity on the same interconnection point (capacity conversion service), or a (un)bundled capacity on another interconnection point (L/H capacity switch and reshuffling services).

Firstly, Fluxys Belgium proposes to upgrade its capacity conversion service in such a way that it can be subscribed directly on PRISMA while bidding in an auction for Day Ahead, Monthly, Quarterly or Yearly products. This change is currently in test phase on PRISMA, and will be confirmed subject to the outcome of this consultation.

Secondly, following the requests received from several stakeholders in the framework of the physical conversion of the L-gas network into the H-gas network, Fluxys Belgium proposes to introduce a L/H capacity switch service, to be offered once a year prior to the yearly auctions on PRISMA, that would enable the grid users holding unbundled entry capacity at Hilvarenbeek-L to transfer (part of) that capacity at an H-gas Interconnection Point.

Finally, Fluxys Belgium proposes to offer, exceptionally in 2018 prior to the yearly auctions on PRISMA, a reshuffling service that would enable the grid users holding long term unbundled entry or exit capacities on an interconnection point to transfer (part of) that capacity at any other interconnection point.

The details of these services are set out in ACT – Attachment A and B.

2. VIP BE-NL

Following EU Commission Regulation 2013-984 (CAM NC), Fluxys Belgium envisages to introduce a VIP with GTS between ZTP (H Zone) and TTF which will combine the former Interconnection Points Zelzate 1, Zandvliet H and 's Gravenvoeren. On that VIP BE-NL (code name to be confirmed at a later stage), firm and interruptible services will be offered in both directions, in amounts equalling the sum of the offered capacity on the underlying IPs. The possibility to convert services into OCUC or Wheeling is also maintained. Backhaul services are only maintained for existing contracts if any. The regulated tariffs for all these services are unaffected by the creation of this VIP. The new name of the VIP will be added on the tariff sheet if approved in the framework of this consultation. The effective launch date of this VIP will be determined jointly with GTS and communicated to the market with a pre-notice of at least 8 weeks.

The details of these adjustments are set out in ACT – Attachment A and B.

3. Simplification of processes and services

Building on the feedback received from several stakeholders, Fluxys Belgium proposes to simplify its subscription and invoicing processes.

Streamlining of subscription process

Fluxys Belgium is proposing to enable the subscription of most IP related services via PRISMA, and on a day ahead basis, hence reducing the lead times and complexity for processing bookings. Therefore Fluxys Belgium proposes to expand the offer at PRISMA with the non-CAM points Zeebrugge, ZPT, Zelzate 2, Zeebrugge LNG Terminal, Dunkirk LNG Terminal, Quality Conversion.

The changes are essentially reflected in in ACT – Attachment B.

Improvement of invoicing process

The invoicing process will be simplified, by regrouping the invoices, streamlining the invoiced services for a given month and improving the electronic documents (pdf/xml) made available with the invoice.

The changes are essentially reflected in in ACT – Attachment A.

Simplification of the ancillary service offering

Concerning the services offered on the interconnection points, the fee for non IUK compliant gas as well as the administrative tariff for the transfer of capacity (OTC transactions), are removed. Concerning the services offered on the Domestic exits, the capacity pooling service is included as a standard free of charge option in the allocation agreement, the calendar day regime option is removed from the offer and, although the nomination obligations are maintained, the scheduling fees are removed. Finally, dedicated fees applicable to end users in case of absence of signed Interconnection Agreement, for the connections and disconnections, for the secondary metering and for the communication of data are removed as they become part of included service offering for end users. The changes will be reflected on the tariff sheet if approved in the framework of this consultation.

The changes are essentially reflected in ACT – Attachment A and C1.

4. Technical changes

Next to the abovementioned changes, several textual adjustments have been realized in order improve the readability of the text in Attachment A and B of the ACT and in the Transmission Program. Furthermore Attachment C4 of the ACT is updated to reflect the latest list of (Virtual) Interconnection Points and their associated gas specification requirements and Attachment C1 of the ACT is updated to align constraint management practice with neighbouring TSOs and upcoming CBPs produced by Easee-G@s.