

Consultation 57 : proposed changes in the regulatory documents for transmission

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Fluxys Belgium is proposing adjustments to its regulatory documents for transmission with a focus on (i) lowering the minimum Wobbe Index, (ii) simplification of the H-market model, (iii) introduction of a BLISS Reallocation Service, (iv) modifications to the Buy Back scheme, (v) changes in the commodity allocation process by DSO and (vi) some technical changes.

The consultation starts on May 23rd and ends on June 20th 2022 close of business.

1. Lowering minimum Wobbe Index

The adaptations consist in lowering the Wobbe Index minimum levels from 13.82 to 13.69 kWh/m³(n) (25°C, 0°C) for some (V)IPs. These adaptations shall be applicable as from February 1st 2023, subject to a pre notice period of 4 weeks, to take into account the changes of the gas quality specifications currently being implemented in the UK. Detailed gas quality requirements are available in ACT – Attachment C4.

2. Simplification of the H-market model

In order to simplify the market model several changes are introduced, all foreseen to come into force on December 1st 2022, subject to a pre notice period of 4 weeks. These proposed changes consist of:

- Merger of ZTP Physical Trading Services and ZTP Notional Trading Services
- Merger of Interconnection Point Zeebrugge and Interconnection Point IZT into the latter which will itself become a non-bookable point as of December 1st 2022.
- Interconnector's capacity at Bacton will include access to and from the Belux Market area, therefore making it easier to transfer gas between NBP and ZTP.
- Removal of the Zee Platform Service and all its associated services.
- Creation of shorthaul services connecting several Fluxys (V)IP's with Interconnector's Bacton IP.
- Services at the Zeebrugge IP will be converted to Services at the IZT IP by default, while diversion services will remain in place under the new model. Additional optionality will be introduced prior to the change coming into effect (see BLISS Reallocation Service below).

3. BLISS Reallocation Service

In order to allow Network Users to reorientate their portfolio impacted by the new H-market model, a one-off reallocation window will be organised in September 2022. During this window it will be possible for Network Users to reallocate existing Operational Capacity Usage Commitments containing IZT or Zeebrugge into Entry Transmission Services and Exit Transmission Services and to reallocate Exit Transmission Services containing IZT or Zeebrugge into other Exit Transmission Services.

4. Modifications to Buy Back scheme

Changes to the existing Buy Back scheme to clarify some points.

5. Changes in the commodity allocation process by DSO

The creation of the federal clearing House "Atrias" and the transition to the new market communication standard MIG6 is completed, so all references to the former process are no longer applicable and are therefore removed.

6. Technical changes

Next to the abovementioned changes, several textual adjustments have been realised in order to improve the readability of the texts.