

## Consultation 31 on proposed changes to transmission services Brussels, October 24, 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) simplifying booking processes, (ii) enabling the injection of renewable gases into the grid, (iii) finetuning the offer of short haul services, (iv) enlarge interruptible services, (v) adjustments for substitution services, and (vi) several technical improvements.

### 1. Booking process on the domestic market

In order to further simplify the products and tariffs for the domestic market, Fluxys Belgium proposes on the one hand, to enable the booking of quality conversions L->H services and entry/exit services for the domestic market through PRISMA; on a first-committed-first-served basis.

On the other hand, when supplying end users requiring a pressure adjustment, network users will no longer have to pay for both MP and DPRS services as from 1/1/2020. Instead, one unique Reduced Pressure Service (RPS) will be introduced, combined with a single tariff as well.

Finally, for bookings on end user domestic points, Fluxys Belgium will continue to use the private section of the Electronic Data Platform to ensure network users and end users enter and confirm a valid Allocation Agreement for the concerned connection point.

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

### 2. Renewable gases

Today, Fluxys Belgium already supports in its market model the allocation and balancing of renewable gases produced on the DSO grids, without any physical injection on its network. As in the near future however, physical injection into our network is expected, either from end-users wanting to produce and inject renewable gas, or from DSO networks where the production and injection at certain moments in time is higher than the local consumption.

Firstly, Fluxys Belgium proposes to introduce the notion of compatible gas into the regulatory documents in order to cope with several new types of gases (renewable gases, hydrogen mixed gas, decarbonized gas, synthetic gas, etc.) injected in the network. Compatible gases have to be compliant with the quality requirements introduced in the Att.C4 of the Access Code for Transmission. The term “natural gas” will be maintained as main concept for the E/E model in ACT/STA.

Furthermore, in order to facilitate the physical injection of renewable gas and other compatible gases in the future Fluxys Belgium has introduced:

- firm entry services on end user domestic points, which can be subscribed on first-committed-first-served basis on PRISMA; and
- backhaul entry service on distribution domestic points, for which capacity is implicitly allocated based on the rolling 12 month metered peak.

The details of these services are set out in ACT – Attachment A, B and C. The tariff for these new services are part of Fluxys Belgium consultation with regard tariff proposal 2020-2023.

### **3. OCUC/Wheeling on PRISMA**

In line with the goal to simplify capacity booking processes, Entry and Exit services can, from 1/10/2018 onwards, be converted into short haul services (OCUC and Wheeling) using PRISMA. As the entire process has been automated, Fluxys Belgium can since that date offer this option on a day-ahead basis. The ACT is adjusted to take into account the detailed rules applicable stemming out of the PRISMA implementation.

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

### **4. Overnomination**

In order to enable flexible solutions for short-term bookings, Fluxys Belgium proposes to enlarge the window for interruptible services through “overnomination”. Overnomination allows network users to nominate more than they have subscribed upfront. The difference between the nomination and the subscribed capacity will be implicitly allocated as interruptible capacity when overnomination is being activated. Overnomination will only be activated on selected IPs, when all firm capacities are sold out, or as a fall-back mechanism should PRISMA not be available for a foreseeable period of time.

The details are set out in ACT – Attachment A, B, C and E.

### **5. Substitution services**

Reshuffling service that was aimed at being offered only once in 2018, is removed from the list of substitution services.

Building on the feedback received from several shippers, Fluxys Belgium is proposing to remove the embedded obligation to surrender the existing transmission service when requesting a diversion . This enables shippers to make their request for diversion service until two days after having subscribed the new capacity to be substituted with the existing one. In addition, the diversion service is also extended to OCUC transmission services.

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

### **6. Technical changes**

Next to the abovementioned changes, several textual adjustments have been realized in order to improve the readability of the text, to align the definitions with the EU NC’s. Furthermore changes are made to the calculation of the payable price as from 2020, in line with market consultation 30 - Transmission tariffs for period 2020 – 2023. These textual adjustments can be found in Attachment A, B, C and E of the ACT and in the Transmission Program. Furthermore, STA clauses are adjusted to make contractual transitions possible towards the final BELUX setup, when Balansys will be entrusted with the role of commercial balancing operator. At last, since no longer volume liable contracts exist, Fluxys Belgium propose as well to remove all references to volume contracts.