

Consultation 42: proposed changes in the regulatory documents

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The Luxembourgish Transmission System Operator (TSO) Creos Luxembourg and the Belgian TSO Fluxys Belgium and their respective regulators, ILR (“Institut Luxembourgeois de Régulation”) and CREG (“Commission pour la Régulation de l’Electricité et du Gaz”), have been working together since 2015 to integrate their national H-gas markets.

In that context, Balansys was created on the 7th of May 2015 by Creos Luxembourg and Fluxys Belgium as common entity to perform the balancing activities in the integrated BeLux market. With the approval of the compliance program by ACER on the 16th of October this year, a major milestone for Balansys to take over the balancing activities for the whole BeLux market area has been achieved.

Together with a consultation held by Balansys, Fluxys Belgium is proposing adjustments to its regulatory documents with a focus on (i) updating the creditworthiness requirements, (ii) imbalance pooling service offered by Balansys, (iii) updating the ACT for 2020 tariffs implementation, (iv) update on diversion services, (v) incident management procedures and (vi) some technical changes

1. Creditworthiness requirements

Fluxys Belgium is proposing to update its creditworthiness requirements aimed at preventing market abuse and protection against defaulting Network Users.

2. Imbalance Pooling Service offered by Balansys

For implementing the imbalance pooling service offered by Balansys, a reference is added to allow implicit nominations on the ZTP Notional Trading Services done by Fluxys Belgium to transfer the hourly imbalances, which will be considered as a transaction for both transferring parties.

3. Update of ACT for tariffs 2020

Fluxys Belgium proposes to update the Access Code for Transmission in order to be aligned with the terms and conditions of the approved tariffs, entering into force on January 2020. Among these changes belongs the removal of the Fix/Flex service and an update on the application of the seasonal factors and multipliers used in the tariff calculations.

4. Diversion services

In order to properly reflect the value of capacity, diversion services can from now on only be subscribed for similar capacity types (e.g. firm for firm, backhaul for backhaul).

5. Incident management

Following CREG’s decision of April 2018, some clarifications were added on the procedures in the event of an incident or emergency.

6. Technical changes

The term “Agreement” is from now on used as a coherent term in all regulatory documents. Additionally, the VIP BENE is planned to go live on the date of 1st of April 2020.