

Consultation on proposed adaptations of transmission services Brussels, November 25, 2016

In a continuous effort to further improve its service offering, Fluxys Belgium is proposing adjustments to its transmission services with a focus on (i) offering an Imbalance Pooling Service, (ii) a Capacity Conversion Service, (iii) potentially removing the option to activate Calendar Day Regime on End User Domestic Exit Points, (iv) merging the IPs Poppel L and Hilvarenbeek L and (v) improving the technical descriptions in several sections of the Access Code for Transmission (ACT).

1. Imbalance Pooling Service

Following requests from several stakeholders, including the FEBEG, Fluxys Belgium proposes to develop the possibility for Grid Users to pool their imbalance positions, by transferring the hourly imbalance of one party towards another. Such transfer is realized free of extra charge, by implicitly realizing a transaction on the ZTP (H or L respectively) corresponding to the hourly imbalance and is subject to the application of the Hub services variable fee. The Transferor is therefore guaranteed to always be “in balance”, exempted from any possible balancing settlement, be it within-day or end-of-day. The “balancing responsible party” – the Transferee – can endorse this responsibility for several counterparties. The details are set out in ACT – Attachment A.

2. Capacity Conversion Service

Following several requests from stakeholders and anticipating changes in upcoming European regulation (recently adopted new CAM Network Code), Fluxys Belgium proposes to develop a Capacity Conversion Service, whereby Grid Users holding unbundled contracts at one side of an Interconnection Point will be able to convert such unbundled contract into a bundled contract. The conditions and restrictions are detailed in ACT – Attachment B.

3. Calendar Day Regime

Following little interest received for this option developed in late 2015, Fluxys Belgium is suggesting to remove it from its service offering should the market not further confirm its interest. In function of market feedback, the references to Calendar Day Regime will be removed from the various relevant sections of the ACT.

4. Merging Poppel L and Hilvarenbeek L

Following the implementation of the Interoperability Network Code and the installation of OBAs – Operational Balancing Agreements - on the French and Dutch borders for the Low Cal zone on 1 October 2016, the need to separate the interconnection at the Dutch border into 2 Interconnection Points, being Poppel L and Hilvarenbeek L, has disappeared. The references to the IP Poppel L are therefore removed and Hilvarenbeek L becomes the one and only L-Cal IP connecting TTF and ZTP-L.

5. Technical improvements

Next to the abovementioned changes, several textual adjustments have been realized in order to improve the readability and comprehensiveness of the text in Attachment A, B and C1 of the Access Code for Transmission.

Furthermore, Attachment C4 of the Access Code for Transmission is updated to reflect the latest list of Interconnection Points and their associated gas specification requirements.