
Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of Stakeholders

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Purpose

The XVII European Electricity Regulatory Forum supported ERGEG's proposal to continue the work of Project Coordination Group (PCG) through an Ad Hoc Advisory Group (AHAG) of all stakeholders which will assist ERGEG in overseeing the work and solving issues which might hinder progress.

The role of AHAG is to advise, on an ad hoc basis, ERGEG in the development of the Framework Guidelines on electricity capacity allocation and congestion management. Furthermore, AHAG will contribute towards the process by giving guidance and coordinating development projects agreed by ERGEG that relate to the area of capacity allocation and congestion management.

Scope of Work in 2010

For the year 2010 AHAG will undertake the following tasks:

1. Provide a platform for ERGEG to get feedback on their work related to the preparation of the Framework Guidelines on electricity capacity allocation and congestion management. This work will follow the Impact Assessment process as agreed by ERGEG.
2. Give guidance to and coordinate such agreed projects that are established to carry forward the work of the Project Coordination Group of Experts. This guidance will ensure a good flow of information between the projects and the work on the draft Framework Guidelines on capacity allocation and congestion management.

In 2010 such projects include work in the following areas as stated in the Conclusions of the XVII European Electricity Regulatory Forum in Rome on the 10th and 11th of December 2009: 1) European capacity calculation concept (lead by ENTSO-E); 2) governance framework for day-ahead market coupling (lead by the European Commission); 3) target model for intra-day trade and its implementation (lead by ENTSO-E). Project teams for the three issues will be established to carry out the work.

3. Assist ERGEG in overseeing the work undertaken at regional level, promoting progress and solving issues which might hinder progress.

Work beyond 2010

The Agency, once established, will need to assess the role of AHAG.

Composition of AHAG

AHAG will comprise representatives of the European Commission and of the relevant stakeholder organisations of the European electricity sector including the transmission system operators, power exchanges and market participants (consumers, traders, electricity companies). These will be represented through the following organisations: ENTSO-E, EuroPEX, Eurelectric, EFET, IFIEC, CEFIC, CEDEC and GEODE.

All the involved stakeholder organisations will nominate representatives for AHAG. Additionally, a mailing list consisting of additional representatives of the stakeholder organisations will be established to ensure good flow of information on the work of AHAG.

Chair

ERGEG will chair AHAG.

Mode of Working

AHAG will provide advice to ERGEG when requested and provides a forum for discussion of the issues specified in the "Scope of the Work". No unanimity is required as AHAG is not making any binding decisions on the issues that it addresses.

Transparency

The list of members of AHAG will be made public. Its operation will ensure a high level of transparency including the publication on the European Energy Regulators' website of the following documents of AHAG: the composition of AHAG, its terms of reference, meeting draft agendas and minutes in a summary form. Additionally, all documents that are agreed by AHAG to be made public will be published on the European Energy Regulators' website.

Organisation of work

The draft agenda for the meeting is to be circulated to the members of AHAG two weeks in advance. The meeting documents are circulated to the members at least one week before the meeting to allow for proper reading and commenting by the members. If a decision is sought, then the documents are to be circulated two weeks before the meeting.

AHAG will meet in Brussels, as a general rule. However, location of the meetings can vary between the member organisations' offices. If necessary and appropriate, also virtual meetings (video, phone) can be used.

EREG will provide the secretariat services to AHAG.

Reimbursement

The members should bear their own costs.