



GEODE COMMENTS ON ERGEG CONSULTATION PAPER ON CROSS BORDER FRAMEWORK FOR TRANSMISSION NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

GEODE as a European association representing interest of **energy distribution companies** has not prepared a particular contribution to this ERGEG paper that is focussed on transmission network infrastructure and therefore, it specifically relates to transmission activities and TSO's.

However, **GEODE** takes this opportunity to call once again for the improvement of infrastructures, especially interconnections and the removal of bottle-necks, as it is crucial for the function of the internal energy market. The lack of market integration is largely due to the fact that interconnection capacity available is still broadly insufficient. The decision of the Barcelona European Council in 2002 that all Member States must have interconnection capacity equivalent to at least 10% of their national consumption, has to be achieved in the near future and, it should be higher in Member States with high level of market concentration.

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