Response to Public Consultation: draft GGP on Electricity Grid Connection and Access Email: Francies Van Gijzeghem, ODE Vlanderen, Bio-Energie Platform Date 23 April 2009

Dear all

We want to comment briefly on the following paragraph 1.2;

We note that respondents to the consultation on the Implementation of the 3rd Package asked for certain areas, such as priority access for renewables, to be dealt with by ERGEG GGP. Priority access has not been covered by these particular guidelines, however, regulators welcome further input on this and other relevant issues.

I respond to this public document as project leader on the biomass area for Belgium, region of Flanders.

The renewable energy sector will play an important role in the near future and for achieving the goals set by the EU and local governments, this is a key area!

A lot of issues will have to be dealt with and worked upon into detailed solutions;

- Accessing process and relations between TSO, DSO and RE-producers; how to apply for grid access accessing process administrative and technical grid extension planning role of local regulators obligations of decentralised RE-producers...
- Capacity planning, shedding between different technologies and preferences for certain types of projects: wind energy is a major vector but reserves loads of max capacity that is not efficiently filled and by doing so is repressing on necessary baseload renewable energy producers so schemes have to be worked out that will make this more efficient
- Investigation of possible contribution of RE-producers to the grid operation: electrically speaking RE-producers have the possibility to regulate on cos-y, reactive power and voltage.... good planning and technical guidelines are necessary for the whole sector and stakeholders involved
- Remuneration and penalty systems in order to balance the relations and responsibilities..

In view of EU-wide renewable energy schemes, this is our non-limiting list of issues...

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