Cover Note accompanying the launch of Public Consultation of the ERGEG Guidelines of Good Practice for Operational Security

On **16th April 2008**, ERGEG launches a public consultation on Guidelines of Good Practice for Operational Security.

The document is available at **www.ergeg.org->Public Consultations:** http://www.energy-regulators.eu/portal/page/portal/EER_HOME/EER_CONSULT/CURRENT%20PUBLIC%20CONSULTATIONS/GGP%20Operational%20Security

The operation of synchronously interconnected electric power networks requires a high level of co-ordination between involved TSOs. The common operational security rules need to be defined and agreed at the synchronous area level and between synchronous areas. These rules shall meet those **common provisions** which are necessary in order to ensure **security of electricity supply** and proper **functioning of the electricity market**.

The draft ERGEG Guidelines submitted here for public consultation address such commonly required provisions and contents of the operational security rules at the "meta level", i.e. describing what needs to be defined and coordinated, but not the actual definition of the technical rules themselves.

The following **general operational security issues** are covered in the Guidelines: the objectives and necessary contents of the regulatory framework for operational security of the EU transmission networks and synchronous areas; the applicability and intended audience(s) for such a framework; the relationship between the EU-wide framework and the grid codes and operational security rules of the individual Member States and/or control areas; derogation and change management procedures; enforcement and supervision/monitoring.

The following **specific issues** are included further in these Guidelines: roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders and market players; organisational framework for technical rules and codes for synchronous power system operation; technical framework for operational security including security criteria aspects, network operational planning and real-time operation aspects, etc.; training and certification provisions for the TSO staff.

These Guidelines are intended to serve as the basis for the future EU-wide framework around the technical rules and codes of the EU synchronous areas.

Following the end of the public consultation period, ERGEG will publish all comments received from stakeholders, provided they are not confidential. After the evaluation of the comments and updating of the Guidelines accordingly, a public hearing would be conducted if necessary.

If a respondent would like ERGEG to treat their contribution with confidentiality, this must be explicitly mentioned.

Any comments should be received by **Wednesday 11 June 2008** and should be sent by email to **operational_security@ergeg.org**

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