**18th IG Meeting. South Gas Regional Initiative**

**16th December 2011,** from **11:00 h.** to **13:30 h**

CNE premises, Madrid

**List of participants**

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1. **Opening**
   1. **Welcome**

The chairs welcomed all participants, who attended in Madrid and by videoconference from France, and expressed their pleasure for holding this 18th Implementation Group (IG) meeting.

* 1. **Approval of the agenda and the last meeting minutes**

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the 17th IG meeting were also approved, without any comments.

1. **Capacity Allocation Mechanism harmonisation**
   1. **CAM to apply in the interconnection Spain-Portugal**

ENAGAS, on behalf of the Spanish and Portuguese TSOs, presented the CAM proposal for harmonisation analysing after the regulator´s preliminary comments [***20111216\_TSOs\_CAM\_v1 2.pptx”***].

Participants discussed the following aspects of the TSOs’ proposal of CAM:

* Mechanism: to hold an annual auction with monthly products, to sell available capacity between Portugal and Spain.
* Capacity: NRAs propose capacity to be sold in a single virtual interconnection point, aggregating the current physical available capacity at the two interconnection points; if there is capacity that is subjected to operational restrictions, it can be sold as interruptible.

However, TSOs stated their preference for creating a Virtual Interconnection Point with firm capacity and additional firm capacity with operational restrictions.

* TSOs recommended following ENTSOG proposal to standardise the gas year for allocation purposes from 1st October to 30th September. As regards the gas day, for the moment they propose not to standardise the gas day from 5:00 to 5:00 UTC, keeping the existing gas days in the two countries and dealing with the hour difference as currently.
* Allocation procedure: through cleared price auction, single round. The number of price steps must be defined.
  1. **Next steps**

NRAs will send TSOs the opinion on the proposal. Close and frequent contact will be need to progress quickly on the definition of the CAM procedure.

1. **Regional Investment Plan in the South Region (GRIP)**

ENAGAS, on behalf of the Spanish and Portuguese TSOs, presented the Gas Regional Initiative Plan. [***GRIP-final-1122011-SGRI[1].pptx”***]. TSOs stressed the importance of the MIDCAT and the 3rd interconnection with Portugal to foster a better integration with Europe and to help Security of Supply through diversification of sources in Northern Europe

Regulators would give feed back to TSOs, since they have not participated in the elaboration of the plan. They considered, however, that the regional plan should not be only an extract from the European wide TYNDP.

1. **MIBGAS**
   1. **Updates of the study on cross border tariffs between Portugal and Spain**

In the following weeks a document will be launched for public consultation by ERSE and CNE. The document will be sent, some days in advance to TSOs for comments before publication.

1. **Transparency: questionnaires to check compliance with Regulation 715/2009**

Regulators informed that questionnaires have been designed and sent (December 2nd) to check compliance with Regulation 715/2009. Following North GRI example and complementing the assessment done in earlier years (supervision of transparency requirements published in operators websites). TSOs, LSOs and SSOs in the South Region are invited to fill in the questionnaires about their compliance with Regulation provisions. Once the information received, Regulators will publish it, and they will encourage stakeholders to give their opinion of the level of compliance.

The key steps, the responsible entities and their deadlines were shown in the presentation.

The deadline to answer the questionnaires is 15th January 2012.

1. **AOB and next meetings**
   1. **Meetings calendar**

Regulators informed that it is not going to be possible to hold the next SG meeting on the 25th January, so they requested availability of Regulators and TSOs in the week beginning the 6th of February to be communicated by mail as soon as possible.