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By e-mail only

Subject: Mandate for starting the work on a network code on emergency and restoration

Dear Mr Winser,

On 2nd December 2011 we received from ACER the framework guideline on electricity system operation, following adoption in the Board of Regulators.

In accordance with Article 6(6) of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity we request ENTSO-E to start from 1st April 2014 the drafting of the network code on emergency and restoration, laying down rules for operational procedures in an emergency which shall be completed by 1st April 2015.

The network code should be sufficiently specific for immediate application upon entry into force and not rely on prior agreements by parties at the national or regional level.

We believe that an important aspect of ensuring the quality of policy proposals, in particular in a multi-stage process such as the network code development process, is to publish information on the evidence used in the process and on all options that were considered. We therefore ask you to provide to us on each element of the network code the following during its development process:

- Evidence of the problem the network code is addressing;
- A justification why existing arrangements are insufficient to address the problem;
- A description of the objectives of the network code;
- A description of the options you have considered during the development of the network code, the reasons and evidence that led to the decision in favour of or against each of the options, as well as a description of their likely impact.

Effective involvement of stakeholders in the process of developing the network code

is crucial. We therefore invite you to continue your stakeholder engagement and provide a summary of stakeholder views not only on the details of the network code, but also on the elements set out above.

We remain at your disposal, should you have any questions in this regard.

Kind regards,

Klaus-Dieter Borchardt

Annexes:

- 1) ACER Decision No 06/2011
- 2) Framework Guideline on electricity system operation
- 3) Initial Impact Assessment of Framework Guideline on electricity system operation

C.c. Alberto Pototschnig (Director of ACER), John Mogg (Chairman of ACER Board of Regulators)