



MARKET CONSULTATION ON BALANCING TARIFFS IN THE BELUX AREA IN 2022

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1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015, Balansys shall introduce a proposal to CREG for approval, regarding the balancing tariffs applicable during the next balancing period (between 1st of January 2022 and 31st of December 2022).

In this context, a market consultation is organized on the proposed balancing tariffs applicable during the next balancing period.

The balancing tariffs consist of the neutrality charge and the small adjustments.

For the sake of clarity, the tariff proposal will be introduced by Balansys to CREG and to Institut Luxembourgeois de Régulation (ILR), regarding these tariffs and period.

2 LEVEL OF THE BELUX NEUTRALITY ACCOUNT

In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015, the level of the BeLux neutrality account by 30 June 2021 shall be taken into account in order to determine the neutrality charge for the next tariff period.

End of June 2021, the BeLux neutrality account was standing at +885.238€.

In accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 312/2014 (BAL NC), the level of the BeLux neutrality account is published monthly on the website of Balansys:

<http://www.balansys.eu/contracts-tariffs/>

3 PROPOSED BALANCING TARIFFS FOR THE NEXT BALANCING PERIOD

Neutrality Charge

In accordance with article 29 of BAL NC, balancing activity must be financially neutral : *“the transmission system operator shall not gain or lose by the payment and receipt of daily imbalance charges, within day charges, balancing actions charges and other charges related to its balancing activities”*.

After exceptionally low gas prices in early 2020, we observed a significant increase of gas prices, even reaching peaks in June and July of this year ($> 37 \text{ € / MWh}$). If this trend continues for the next 6 months, the BeLux neutrality account should reach at the end of the year a largely positive amount (+1.693k€), which was not foreseen in the previous tariff proposal.

We therefore **propose to apply a negative neutrality charge of -0,007 €/MWh for 2022** (payable to market participants pro rata to provisional exit energy allocation on domestic exit points).

However, to prevent as much as possible the need to introduce a higher positive neutrality charge in 2023, if the balancing neutrality account¹ becomes negative in the period, we will introduce to the CREG and ILR a reviewed tariff proposal² – based on this consultation³ – with a neutrality charge equal to 0 €/MWh.

Small Adjustments

Since October 2015, we observe an increasing trend for end-of-day settlements for causers, even more significant in 2020 and begin 2021. We interpret this as a sign that the market is still and more and more confident that the BeLux market-based balancing system ensures that settlements will be done at a fair price. As the end-of-day market position does not jeopardize network operations until now, there seems to be no need at this stage to define a higher incentive for shippers to be closer to the equilibrium end-of-day. However, to prevent a further increase of

¹ As published monthly on <http://www.balansys.eu/contracts-tariffs/>

² In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29

³ For the sake of clarity, if a reviewed tariff proposal is introduced to CREG for another reason, it will be preceded by a new market consultation

the end-of-day settlements for causers, we therefore propose to maintain the **small adjustment for causers** at its current value of **3%**.

Concerning the **small adjustment for helpers** and willing to continue to incentivize the shippers to contribute to the reduction of the market imbalance, we propose to maintain its value to **0%**.

Those values are lower than the limit foreseen in article 22.7 of the BAL NC (10%) and can be reviewed in accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015.

This whole tariff proposal is without prejudice to the possibility to submit a reviewed tariff proposal in the future (at the time of the next tariffs proposal or during the next tariff period if necessary) in accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015.

4 INVITATION TO REACT

Balansys would like to invite all interested parties to submit any comments they may have on this document by email at following address: info@balansys.eu and this before 6.00 p.m. on 1 September 2021. We also ask you to specify in your response whether the content is to be treated as confidential or not. Unless otherwise mentioned, all comments will be treated as non-confidential. In case of a confidential response, please provide also a non-confidential version.