

# Minutes of the 36th ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

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Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 52, H-1054 Budapest, Hungary

Wednesday, 6 July 2016, 14:00 – 18:00

## 1. Agenda of the 36th ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft agenda of the 36th GWG meeting

**Discussion:** The GWG Chair, Mr. Vištica, welcomed the meeting participants and introduced the draft agenda.

**Conclusions:** The agenda has been approved without amendments.

## 2. Minutes of the 35th ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft minutes of the 35th GWG meeting

**Discussion:** Mr. Vištica invited participants to provide comments on the draft minutes of the previous GWG meeting.

**Conclusions:** The minutes have been approved without changes.

## 3. Report from the 32nd ECRB meeting

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** Mr. Vištica informed participants about the results of the 33rd ECRB meeting, in particular that:

- ECRB approved the *Market Monitoring Report 2015*;
- ECRB approved the status review *Transparency of Gas Transmission System Operators in the Energy Community Contracting Parties*;
- ECRB agreed on written approval of the ECRB Annual Report 2015.

In addition to this, Mrs. Grall informed participants on the appointment of Mr. Hesselting as ACER representative in ECRB. She also updated participants on the recent Energy Community developments (EnC Treaty changes, CESEC process etc.).

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

#### ***4. TF 1 – Interoperability***

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**Related document:** draft report and presentation Mr. Popadic

**Discussion:** TF1 Leader, Mr. Popadic, presented the draft results of the survey on implementation of the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange in the Energy Community. He also invited regulatory authorities that had not completed the relevant questionnaire so far (Macedonia, Georgia, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece) to do so as soon as possible, so that the final draft report might be presented to the Energy Community Gas Forum in September.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to remind NRAs of the EnC CPs and neighboring EU MSs to complete the questionnaire on interoperability;
- NRAs of Macedonia, Georgia, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece to complete the questionnaire on interoperability as soon as possible;
- TF1 Leader to present the final draft report to the EnC Gas Forum in September.

#### ***5. TF2 – Regulatory treatment of losses***

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**Related document:** presentation Mr. Galdava

**Discussion:** TF2 Co-Leader, Mr. Galdava, presented the preliminary results of the survey on regulatory treatment of distribution system losses in the Energy Community. He also announced that the report would be circulated to GWG for comments, clarifications and additional data, where needed.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to circulate the draft report to GWG for comments;
- NRAs to provide comments, clarifications and additional data if required so;
- TF2 Co- Leaders to prepare draft final report for the next GWG meeting.

#### ***6. GRI SSE Pilot Projects***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:**

**Transparency:** see point 3

**Implementation of Network Codes:** Mrs. Marsenic informed participants about a launched process on implementation of EU gas network codes in the Energy Community Contracting Parties. She also explained the concept of stepwise implementation, developed in cooperation with EC, ACER and ENTSOG as well as the envisaged approach to hold dedicated meetings and discussions per network code (IO- July and September 2016, CAM and CMP in October 2016, BAL in November 2016); the final target is to propose network code adoption by the PHLG in December 2016, according to the deadline set by the PHLG.

**Gas market integration options in GRI SSE:** Mrs. Marsenic informed participants that the study on cross-border gas market integration in the Energy Community” was finalized and that the proposed measures for market integration in SEE should be further considered through the process of network code implementation as well as through CESEC “soft” measures’ implementation.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

## **7. Update on national development**

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** the following updates were provided:

E-Control: new transmission tariff as of September 2016 for the period of 4 years; working on implementation of 3 GRI SSE pilot projects (see presentations provided at GRI SSE RCC/SG meeting).

HERA: changing of distribution tariff methodology; tariff methodology for LNG being prepared.

AEEGSI: new balancing system and open season for TAP prepared by Snamretegas, for capacity at interconnection between TAP and Snamretegas system to be launched.

AERS: gas prices decreased; new active shippers on the gas market (currently 5-6 shippers).

ANRE: new Gas Law implementing 3<sup>rd</sup> Package approved, secondary legislation development in next 2 years- transmission network code in 6 months; interconnection with Romania to be connected to existing transmission network (ongoing project performed by Vestmoltransgaz).

ERE: gas master plan to be finalized soon; secondary legislation under preparation; Albpetrol certification to start in 2-3 weeks; WBIF to grant 2,5 mil.EUR for preliminary design of IAP and 0,3 mil.EUR for prefeasibility study for Albania- Kosovo interconnection.

ERO: new Energy Law implementing 3<sup>rd</sup> Package approved.

NEURC: TSO unbundling decision approved; storage tariff methodology approved; auction rules adopted.

GNERC: quality of supply regulation being prepared; ongoing creation of market model in consultation with TSO; transmission tariffs are to be recalculated soon.

SERC: primary legislation implementing 3<sup>rd</sup> Package under preparation.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

## **8. AOB**

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** Mrs. Marsenic informed participants that the agenda of the forthcoming EnC Gas Forum included an item on market developments and therefore asked if the NRAs could provide relevant data for 2015. The participants agreed to provide required information.

## **Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to circulate questionnaire for collection of market data for 2015 to GWG;
- GWG members to complete the questionnaire by end August 2016.

## ***9. Next meeting***

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Next GWG meeting will be organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, back to back with EnC Gas Forum (22-23<sup>rd</sup> September) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on Implementation of Network Codes in the EnC (21<sup>st</sup> September).

**Annex I- List of participants**

Surname	Name	Institution
Vistica	Nikola	HERA- GWG Chair
Cioffo	Vincenzo	AEEGSI
Desku	Drita	ERO
Galdava	Irakli	GNERC
Grall- Edler	Nina	ECS
Ischia	Alessandro	E-Control
Kryvonoh	Tetiana	NEURC
Marsenic Maksimovic	Branislava	ECS
Milovanovic	Dejana	AERS
Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Shuli	Maksim	ERE
Tomic	Milenko	SERC