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**OPINION OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY
REGULATORS No 03/2014**

of 4 February 2014

**ON THE PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF THE ENTSO-E
CENTRAL INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY PLATFORM**

THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

HAVING REGARD to Commission Regulation (EU) No 543/2013 of 14 June 2013 on submission and publication of data in electricity markets and amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹, and, in particular, Article 3(2) thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) Following the submission, on 31 October 2013, of a 'Manual of Procedures for the ENTSO-E Central Information Transparency Platform' (the 'Manual of Procedures'), on 5 November 2013 the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('ENTSO-E') submitted to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (the 'Agency'), for its opinion, a 'Proposal for Operation of the ENTSO-E Central Information Transparency Platform' (the 'Proposal for Operation'), with reference to Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013. This Proposal for Operation included also an estimate of the costs for the Central Information Transparency Platform.
- (2) Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013 lays down various requirements which the Central Information Transparency Platform has to fulfill. The Agency took those requirements into account for this Opinion.
- (3) With respect to the assessment of the 'cost effectiveness requirement' in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013, the Agency asked ENTSO-E to provide certain additional information on the cost estimate. ENTSO-E did not provide all the requested information,

HAS ADOPTED THIS OPINION:

ENTSO-E's Proposal for Operation contains a very concise description of the operation of the Central Information Transparency Platform. It addresses the following issues:

¹ OJ L 163, 15.6.2013, p. 1.

- Hours of operation and planned outages;
- Hours of support services;
- Service levels;
- User access;
- Estimated costs.

Within this frame, the Proposal for Operation indicates, *inter alia*, that the Central Information Transparency Platform will:

- be available for data submission and download 24/7;
- be accessible free of charge;
- be accessible through internet and common web browsers, including via mobile devices;
- use English for the on-screen text;
- allow data downloads in xml-format;
- involve probably one-off costs of 4.25 m Euro and annual running costs of about 470,000 Euro.

This confirms that ENTSO-E's Central Information Transparency Platform will be available to the public free of charge through the internet at least in English, as required by Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013. Further, it implies that the data on the Platform can be accessed easily and downloaded, as also required by Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013.

However, contrary to the requirement of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013, the Proposal for Operation does not explicitly mention that the Central Information Transparency Platform will publish all data required by Regulation (EU) No 543/2013, that those data will be up to date and available for at least five years, and that data updates will be time-stamped, archived and made available to the public. Taking into account that those requirements are directly applicable under Regulation (EU) No 543/2013 and considering ENTSO-E's Manual of Procedures and its referenced documents, the Agency expects ENTSO-E to comply also with these requirements.

Regarding the requirement in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) No 543/2013 that the operation of the Central Information Transparency Platform has to be efficient and cost effective, the Agency considers that the planned operation of the Central Information Transparency Platform can in general be considered as efficient, while the Agency does not have sufficient information to assess its cost effectiveness. The Agency can assess the cost effectiveness only once ENTSO-E has provided the requested additional information.

Done at Ljubljana on 4 February 2014.

For the Agency:


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