

**ACER Decision on the first amendment to the Regional Coordination Centre  
Regional Procurement of Balancing Capacity Methodology: Annex I**

**First amendment to the methodology for the  
regional procurement of balancing capacity**

**in accordance with Article 37(1)(k) of Regulation (EU)  
2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5  
June 2019 on the internal market for electricity**

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## **Whereas**

- (1) This document provides an amendment to the methodology for the regional procurement of balancing capacity in accordance with Article 37(1)(k) of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity ('Electricity Regulation') following ACER Decision No 13/2023 of 19 July 2023 on ENTSO-E's proposal for the regional procurement of balancing capacity. With the approval came a request for amendment of specific parts of the methodology, which must be submitted by 19 October 2025.
- (2) The following elements of the methodology for the regional procurement of balancing capacity have been amended:
  - a) definition of the values of parameters X and Y;
  - b) geographical delineation for the assessment of available non-contracted platform bids;
  - c) reporting obligation on the feasibility and effectiveness of operating with the defined values of X and Y; and
  - d) cross-references to align with the new paragraph numbering within the same article.
- (3) For the purposes of this amendment to the methodology for the regional procurement of balancing capacity, the terms used have the meaning given to them in Article 2 of the Electricity Regulation, Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23 November 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity balancing ('EB Regulation'), Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management ('CACM Regulation'), Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation ('SO Regulation') and Article 2 of the methodology for the regional procurement of balancing capacity.

## **Article 1**

### **General principles**

Article 3 – General principles – shall be amended as follows:

- a) Paragraph 2 shall be amended and be read accordingly:

“The facilitation by each RCC under Paragraph 1(a) of this requires the participation of the concerned TSOs in a European platform for the exchange of standard products for balancing energy according to the EB Regulation. In accordance with Article 4(6), the facilitation by the RCC under Paragraph 1(a) does not circumvent the right of TSOs to consider non-contracted balancing energy bids available within their control area for the optimal provision of required reserve capacity following Article 32(1) of the EB Regulation.”

- b) Paragraph 7 shall be amended and be read accordingly:

“To apply the methodology in the SOR, the levels X and Y, as referred to in Article 4, shall be applied as follows:  $X = 90\%$  and  $Y = 0.1\%$ . If the relevant TSOs deem it necessary to apply different parameters per SOR, they shall determine the parameters referred to in this methodology in a coordinated manner, supported by relevant RCC(s). Following this coordination, ENTSO-E shall develop and submit an amendment to this methodology in accordance with Article 27 of the Electricity Regulation, proposing values for the parameters included in an Annex. This amended proposal shall include the X and Y levels referred to in Article 4.”

## **Article 2**

### **Assessment of available non-contracted platform bids**

Article 4 – Assessment of available non-contracted platform bids – shall be amended and be read accordingly:

“1. Each RCC shall calculate on a daily basis the available non-contracted platform bids in the whole SOR, which may be considered by the relevant TSO when determining the volume of balancing capacity that they need to procure per LFC block at day-ahead and where relevant on the intraday basis.

2. Each RCC, in close coordination with the TSOs of the SOR, shall define a geographical delineation within the SOR for the application of this Article. The delineation shall be limited to the LFC block, LFC area or the bidding zone, whichever the RCC considers most appropriate for the purpose of this methodology.

3. The relevant TSOs of the SOR with whom an RCC shall exchange information pursuant to paragraphs (5) and (6) and to whom an RCC shall issue recommendations pursuant to (9), shall be the ones who are allowed, in accordance with Article 18(5)(b) of the EB Regulation, to consider non-contracted platform bids for the optimal provision of reserve capacity according to Article 32(1)(c) of the EB Regulation.

4. Each RCC shall:

- a. Determine the cross-zonal capacity statistically available per direction after cross-zonal intraday market timeframe and after consideration of such cross-zonal capacity available after cross-zonal intraday market timeframe for sharing of reserves at the reliability levels  $X\%$  to  $100\%$  in  $Y\%$  steps which shall be derived from the monitoring activities described in Article 7(1)(a); and

- b. Determine, per the geographical delineation defined pursuant to paragraph (2) the volume of non-contracted platform bids available per product and direction, and the respective validity period of the relevant balancing capacity market at the reliability levels X% to 100% in Y% steps. The non-contracted platform bids available at the specified reliability levels shall be derived from the related monitoring activities described in Article 7(1)(b).
5. Each RCC shall inform each relevant TSO of the SOR about the volume of non-contracted platform bids, which are expected to be locally available within the geographical delineation defined pursuant to paragraph (2).
6. Each relevant TSO shall reply to the RCC's message pursuant to paragraph (5) without undue delay by informing the RCC about its intended use of local non-contracted platform bids and whether its assessment of locally available non-contracted platform bids deviates from the RCC's assessment results provided pursuant to paragraph (5).
7. Each RCC may adjust the determined volumes pursuant to paragraph (4)(b) considering the information provided by a TSO in accordance with paragraph (6).
8. Each RCC shall calculate for each area aligned with the geographical delineation pursuant to paragraph (2) and at the reliability level defined in accordance with paragraph (4) the maximum volume of non-contracted platform bids from other areas pursuant to paragraph (2). For this calculation the RCC shall take into account:
- a. the remaining volume of non-contracted platform bids available within the geographical delineation pursuant to paragraph (2) in accordance with paragraph (4)(b) after considering the local TSO's intended use in accordance with paragraph (6); and
  - b. the available cross-zonal capacity in accordance with paragraph (4)(a).
9. Each RCC shall issue a recommendation to each relevant TSO of the SOR. The recommendation shall include the possible availability of non-contracted platform bids from other areas of the SOR delineated pursuant to paragraph (2), that this TSO may consider when determining the volume of balancing capacity.
10. Considering the recommendation pursuant to paragraph (9), each relevant TSO shall inform the RCC without undue delay about the volume of non-contracted platform bids and the reliability level it would consider to use.
11. If more than one TSO share interest in accordance with paragraph (10) for using the same volume of non-contracted platform bids, the RCC shall consider the request pursuant to paragraph (10) proportionally.
12. The RCC shall inform all TSOs of the SOR about the volume of non-contracted platform bids pursuant to paragraphs (6), (10) and (11) which may be considered by each relevant TSO of the SOR.
13. If a TSO decides to consider a different volume of non-contracted platform bids than the volume foreseen for it in accordance with paragraph (12), the TSO shall inform the RCC without undue delay about the intended deviation. Where such deviation amounts to the TSO considering to use a higher volume of non-contracted platform bids than the one foreseen in accordance with paragraph (12), the RCC shall inform all TSOs of the SOR about the risk of more non-contracted platform bids in the SOR being considered than assessed as available.
14. The RCC shall provide the values pursuant to paragraph (12) at the latest half an hour before the deadline for the submission of the balancing capacity bids by the balancing service providers for the market-based allocation process in accordance with the HCZCAM.

15. A TSO may request a review of the recommendation pursuant to paragraph (9) according to Article 42(4) of the Electricity Regulation. This request shall be reasoned and include a proposal for modification of the recommendation. Following the review, the RCC shall confirm or modify the outcomes from paragraph (4).

16. The coordination following Article 3(4) shall be carried out to ensure that only the volume of available non-contracted platform bids is distributed to all requesting TSOs across SORs. If there are TSOs from different SORs considering non-contracted platform bids and there is sufficient cross-zonal capacity available between SORs the respective RCCs have to coordinate the distribution of the volume of available non-contracted platform bids. This shall result either in (i) just one RCC operating the assessment of available non-contracted platform bids for all relevant SORs (also possible in a rotating manner), or (ii) that RCCs exchange the information necessary to ensure that available non-contracted platform bids are only considered once across SORs.”

### **Article 3**

#### **Monitoring and reporting**

Article 7 – Monitoring and reporting – shall be amended as follows:

- a) Paragraph 3 shall be amended and be read accordingly:

“Each RCC shall include the tasks following this methodology under its monitoring and reporting activities following Article 46 of the Electricity Regulation including the reporting of the impact of deviations pursuant to Article 4(13). The reporting shall also include an assessment of the feasibility and effectiveness of operating with the values of X and Y pursuant to Article 3.”