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ACER DECISION n° 03/2011

**FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES
ON CAPACITY ALLOCATION MECHANISMS FOR THE
EUROPEAN GAS TRANSMISSION NETWORK**

THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009, establishing a European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereafter referred to as the "ACER Regulation" and "Agency", respectively), and, in particular, Articles 6(4), 15(1) and 17(3) thereof;

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009, on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005, and, in particular, Article 6(2) thereof;

WHEREAS the European Commission requested the Agency by letter dated 27 January 2011 to submit to it a framework guideline on gas capacity allocation rules by 4 July 2011, and agreed to extend this deadline until 10 August following requests of the Agency on 23 June and 19 July 2011;


WHEREAS the Agency formally organised a public consultation, inviting all interested parties to provide comments on a draft version of the Agency's Framework Guidelines as of 3 March 2011, for a period of two months;

WHEREAS the Board of Regulators gave its favourable opinion on 1 August 2011, pursuant to Article 15(1) of the ACER regulation;

HAS DECIDED to adopt the Framework Guidelines on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms for the European Gas Transmission Network, as annexed.

Done at Ljubljana on 3 August 2011.

For the Agency:


Alberto Pototschnig
Director



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