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**DECISION No. 01/2013 OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF
ENERGY REGULATORS**

of 29 November 2013

**FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES
ON RULES REGARDING HARMONISED TRANSMISSION TARIFF
STRUCTURES FOR GAS**

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 an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators¹ (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”), and, in particular, Articles 6(4) 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 1775/2005², and, in particular, Article 6(2) thereof;

HAVING REGARD to the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators of 29 November 2013, delivered pursuant to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 713/2009,

WHEREAS:

- (1) The European Commission requested the Agency, by letter dated 29 June 2012, to submit to it Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas by 31 December 2012. By letters dated 18 December 2012 and 15 March 2013, the Commission agreed to extend this deadline to 31 March and 30 November 2013, respectively.
- (2) The harmonisation of tariff structures shall facilitate the integration of European gas markets, provide for cost reflective, non-discriminatory and transparent tariffs, and contribute to a better understanding of tariff structures for network users.
- (3) The current Framework Guidelines provides a closed range of possible cost allocation methodologies for implementation by NRAs, a set of standard instruments to enable the verification of the robustness and consistency of the chosen methodology, as well as standard provisions on revenue recovery and tariff setting.

¹ OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p.1.

² OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p.36.

- (4) The Agency formally organised a public consultation and invited all interested parties to provide comments on a draft version of the Agency's Framework Guidelines as of 5 September 2012, for a period of two months. The Agency subsequently organised another public consultation which focused on the additional provisions developed in response to the letter from the European Commission of 15 March 2013. In the latter consultation, all interested parties were invited to provide comments on a draft revised chapter relating to cost allocation and determination of the reference price as of 18 July 2013, for a period of two months,

HAS DECIDED to adopt the Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas, as annexed.

Done at Ljubljana on 29 November 2013.

For the Agency:


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Director



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