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European Gas Target Model

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Agenda

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- Network Codes- a step towards the target model?
- How efficient are GB interconnector flows?
- What is needed to promote cross-border \bullet investment?



Drivers for a gas target model

- Third package
 - Provides for legally-binding network codes to create single gas market
- Madrid Forum (Sept 2010)
 - Initiate the process to establish a gas target model to explore the interaction and interdependence of all Network codes
- European Commission (February 2011)
 - The EU needs an fully functioning, interconnected and integrated internal energy market.
 - The internal market should be completed by 2014 as to allow gas and electricity to flow freely



Gas Target Model- the vision



Liquid hubs with sufficient and efficiently used infrastructure



Network codes- a step towards the target model?

Framework Guidelines	Problem	Proposed solution
Balancing FG	Non-market based balancing regimes are bad for liquidity	 Market-based TSO procurement- Daily balancing- intra-day constraints possible.
Capacity Allocation Mechanisms FG	Lack of harmonisation and lack of cross-border cooperation may create barriers to trade	 Bundled product Explicit auctions as standard allocation method
		Reserve price outstanding- Tariff Network Code
Congestion Management Provisions (CMP)	Capacity hoarding	Creation of firm day-ahead capacity market by restricting re-nominations rights
		Overbooking and buy back incentive scheme approved by NRA

Focus on efficient use of existing capacity but is this enough ?



How efficient are GB interconnector flows?



IUK flows not always in the direction of price differences ?



Explicit auctions..

Use of F - NL "Capacity" (% of av capacity) _{versus} Price difference (€) Before MC



...deemed inefficient for cross-border electricity flows



Impact of Market Coupling at NL, Bel, Fr borders



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More investment in gas infrastructure?



ENTSOG's 10 Year Network Development Plan:

- "Difficult to draw clear conclusions"
- "Many investments are still needed to address security, sustainability and competition in a satisfactory manner"

(February 2011)



Options for a cross-border investment regime

Option 1: Merchant approach

- Exempt ("unregulated") investments

Option 2: Regulated model

- TSO makes business case, NRA adjusts revenue allowance

Option 3: Tendering model

- NRA to identify investment and to trigger competitive tender

Option 4: Market-led model

- Market to signal demand for capacity in Open Season



NRAs to investigate a market-led approach

- Regular auctions at each IP (consistent with CAM FG), based on:
 - Information on available capacity
 - Information on reserve price
 - Incremental price steps for additional capacity
 - Estimated project cost for additional capacity
- Each network user to signal how much capacity at what price
 - Protects consumers from asset stranding
 - Avoids underinvestment as network users signal value
- Enables **SoS considerations** to feed into decision making (when setting economic test)
- Proposed by some network users
- Does not require harmonisation of price controls

Successful at GB entry points but untested cross-border



Key issues

Coordination between NRAs: ۲

- What level of user commitment is required to trigger investment? (risk of asset stranding versus risk of underinvestment)
- How to take into account externalities, such as Security of Supply benefits?
- How to allocate the cost between markets (where some socialisation occurs)?
- Overlap with Open Seasons and CAM process?
- **Coordination between auctions:**
 - Coordinate timing across Europe
 - Several rounds of auctions (for additional capacity) to allow network users to correct their positions depending on auction outcome
- Frequency: ۲
 - quarterly, annual, or bi-annual?



Conclusions

- Gas Target Model will call for liquid functioning gas hubs linked by:
 - Sufficient interconnector- climate that promotes investment
 - Efficient use of gas infrastructure
- How does GB fair against such a vision?
 - NBP the most liquid hub in Europe
 - Efficiency of interconnector flows?
 - Investment climate for cross-border infrastructure, LNG, storage?
 - Other barriers- gas quality?

What does this means for GB market?



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