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Press release

Consultation about the CREG memorandum about the proposal for a new code of conduct and about the proposal by S.A. FLUXYS for a regulated framework for gas transit

The CREG has drawn up a memorandum in preparation of its proposal for a new code of conduct. At the same time, the CREG has asked S.A. FLUXYS to work out a proposal for a regulated framework for gas transit. Both documents are submitted for consult to the network users by the CREG. To this end, the CREG organizes a public consultation and a Network Users' Day in order to enable all parties concerned to make known their point of view on these documents.

Memorandum on the proposal for a new code of conduct by the CREG

In conformity with the Gas Act, the King establishes a code of conduct on the proposal of the CREG. The CREG is currently working on a proposal for a new code of conduct. In a memorandum, the CREG introduces a number of concepts to be included in its proposal for a new code of conduct: the entry/exit transmission model with regulation of the transit market, the development of operational options to enhance the predictability of the gas flows on the network, a separate transmission system for the Zeebrugge hub and a regulated framework for the natural gas exchange. At the same time, the CREG expresses its views on a number of questions it wishes to correct concerning the storage of natural gas and the access to the LNG terminal.

Proposal for a regulated framework by S.A. FLUXYS

On 20 April 2006, the CREG published a press release on its website, asking the S.A. FLUXYS to complete the rules of third party access to the network in conformity with the European gas regulation 1775/2005.

<http://www.creg.be/pdf/Presse/2006/compress21042006nl.pdf>

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The gas regulation aims to fix non discriminating rules on the access conditions to natural gas transmission systems and includes among other things the introduction of third party access services, the fixing of harmonized principles for capacity allocation and congestion management, the definition of transparency requirements and balancing rules and the promotion of capacity trade. The dispositions provided for in the gas regulation apply both to domestic transmission and transit.

Since the implementation of the gas regulation, on 1 July 2006, the S.A. FLUXYS must provide the net users with detailed information and publish this information, including the above mentioned rules. The CREG, which has the competence of controlling the application of the gas regulation, has received a draft proposal for a regulated framework for transit.

Public consultation and Net Users' Day

Both the memorandum of the CREG and the above mentioned proposal by FLUXYS are submitted for consultation to the net users. The consultation starts on 4 September 2006 and closes on 2 November 2006. The net users are invited to communicate their remarks, observations and commentary in writing to the CREG. The CREG guarantees that the reactions received shall be treated confidentially if requested by the senders.

In the scope of this consultation, the CREG will organize a Net Users' Day on 29 September 2006. The detailed provisional programme of this Day is given below.

The participants will have the opportunity of asking questions and may react in French, Dutch and/or English in the course of the debate. No translation service is provided for. Those who wish to give a presentation are requested to contact the CREG.

The CREG has accepted to start the consultation about the regulated framework for transit on the basis of a Dutch version of the proposal for a regulated framework, the only version obtained to this day from the S.A. FLUXYS. A French version of the proposal for a regulated framework has been requested and shall be included as soon as possible in the list of published documents.

Persons interested are requested to confirm their presence before 11 September 2006 to Mrs Herrezeel by telephone at nr +32 2 289 76 70 or by e-mail to dir.GT@creg.be mentioning their name, function, company name and address, telephone number and e-mail address. The CREG reserves the right to refuse all registrations forwarded after this date.

Unless otherwise directed, the Net Users' Day shall be held in the offices of the CREG, Rue de l'Industrie 26-38, 1040 Brussels. A route map is available at the website of the CREG: http://www.creg.be/pdf/Road/creg_route.pdf. If compelled to hold the Net Users' Day in another location, the CREG reserves the right to ask the participants an expense fee of 90 €.

Provisonal Programme:

09h00	Reception
09h30	Introduction by Mr Jean-Paul Pinon, Director technical workings of the gas market at the CREG
09h40	Presentation of the memorandum by the CREG
10h00	Debate
12h30	Lunch
13h45	Presentation of the proposal for a regulated framework by S.A. FLUXYS
14h05	Debate
15h45	Break
16h00	Debate
17h30	End

Annex : Available documents

The following documents are available in the language in which they were submitted.

- [Memorandum](#)
- [Annexes to the memorandum](#)
- [Proposal of a regulated framework for transit by the S.A. FLUXYS](#)

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