

## **The five regulators publish a transparency report aiming at fostering electricity market integration in the Central West region (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg and the Netherlands)**

**The Regional Co-ordination Committee (RCC) of the Central West region – gathering the five regulators CREG, CRE, BNetzA, ILR and DTe – today published a report on transparency, indicating specific steps for the improvement and harmonisation of transparency in the wholesale electricity markets of the region. For the first time, generation data and information about unavailability of consumption and generation units will be available region-wide.**

The five regulators consider an adequate level of market transparency important as this contributes to market confidence, the creation of a clear insight into price developments allowing market participants to make efficient business decisions, and to a sound investment climate. Furthermore, it reduces historically developed information asymmetries which may stimulate new market participants to enter the market.

The Transparency Report ([on the ERGEG-website](#)) provides the basis for harmonization and implementation of the (wholesale) market transparency rules within the Central West Regional Electricity Market. It contains transparency requirements based on the Guidelines on Congestion Management (Commission Decision of 9 November 2006, 2006/770/EC, amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) 1228/2003 on conditions for access to transmission network for cross-border exchanges in electricity). These guidelines are legally binding, but needed specification which is accomplished with the Transparency Report. Also taken into account was the valuable work done by the European Regulators Group on Electricity and Gas (ERGEG). ERGEG had elaborated non-binding Guidelines of Good Practice on Information Management and Transparency ([GGP-IMT](#)).

By 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008 information on load, transmission, interconnection and balancing has to be provided either on national homepages of TSOs or on the homepages of power exchanges in the region. For information on generation the report foresees a publication either on national homepages of TSOs or on the homepages of the power exchanges by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2008. This two step implementation timeframe for generation information takes into account that data delivery processes for these data still has to be established.

The Central West Region, which is a part of ERGEG's Electricity Regional Initiative, is engaged in harmonizing congestion management and transparency in electricity market consisting of Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg and the Netherlands.

The Report on Transparency has been based on the transparency report recently published on the market transparency in the Northern Europe. It was submitted to consultation by the stakeholders during August 2007 and has been finalised by the regulators now. The future work on transparency within the Central West region will focus on monitoring the implementation of the requirements contained in the report.

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