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Vattenfall's response to the data exchange rules of the Network Code Interoperability

Dear Sir or Madam,

According to Art. 21 para. 1 of the EU-Regulation 2015/703 (Network Code Interoperability or NC INT) Transmission System Operators (TSOs) and counterparties shall implement common data exchange solutions (i.e. AS4 and Edig@s XML) as of 1 May 2016. As an exemption of this rule TSOs, having data exchange solutions currently in place, can file a request to the National Regulatory Authorities to continue using the existing data exchange solutions (Art. 23 para. 2 NC INT).

Recently we have been contacted by various TSOs in order to find out whether we – as a shipper – are able to introduce one of the respective IT systems in due time or whether we support the introduction of a transition period. Furthermore, ENTSOG mentioned that they will also conduct an implementation monitoring and report at the various TSOs (Art. 25 NC INT) in May 2016. We are highly in favour to continue using the current data exchange solution, i.e. AS2 / Edig@s 4 XML for messages between GAS CONNECT AUSTRIA GmbH and Vattenfall Energy Trading GmbH and NV. In accordance with the public consultations of the other TSOs and to further align the introduction of the new data exchange IT solutions across Europe we support a switch-over period allowing shippers to use the currently implemented data exchange method until 1 January 2018.

Best regards,

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