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Development of the information for participants in the electricity markets, on the initiative of CRE.

In its 20 June 2002 statement, CRE asked RTE to publish additional information intended for market participants, on the state of the French electricity transmission grid. This request notably stems from a public consultation launched at the start of the year, which served to identify the information most required by the participants in order for them to optimise their forecasts and to facilitate the entry of newcomers onto the French market.

The assessment made by CRE of present information procedures of RTE, the operator of the French electricity transmission grid, brings to light a need, according to CRE, for strengthening in two priority areas:

- **the operation of the international interconnections:** CRE asks that the requested and used capacities be published in addition to the available and allocated capacities, together with availability forecasts for the current year; moreover, the RTE will propose improvements in the applicable allocation rules so that the users can better assess the likelihood of the acceptance of their access requests;
- **the supply and demand of electricity on the French grid:** CRE notably requests that RTE publish weekly forecasts of the grid load in addition to the daily forecasts which are already available.

CRE also proposes a certain number of general rules intended to improve the efficiency of the exploitation of the information disseminated by the RTE:

- all released information of a non-confidential nature must be available on the Internet, and be available for downloading,
- all released information must remain accessible for at least five years,

- the publication times for released information must, insofar as possible, be set according to the hours of the electricity market.

The information made available to the participants in electricity markets is, according to CRE, of fundamental importance for the purposes of efficient and equitable competition.

In order for the European integrated electricity market to be truly efficient and competitive, it is necessary to provide the participants with considerable access to information in all European Union countries. Once the measures requested by CRE have been implemented, RTE will be one of the European grid managers which publishes the most complete information.

Created on 24 March 2000, the main task of CRE is to monitor the correct operation of the electricity market and the absence of any discrimination, crossed subsidy or hindrance to competition. To this end, it ensures fair and transparent access to electricity transport and distribution grids.

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