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Deliberation of the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) of 13 July 2016 approving intraday capacity allocation rules for the France-Italy electricity interconnection

Present: Philippe de LADOUCETTE, President, Hélène GASSIN and Yann PADOVA, Commissioners.

In application of the provisions of Article 37(6) of Directive 2009/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity and of Article 30 of the public electricity transmission network concession type specification approved by Decree n° 2006-1731 of 23 December 2006, the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) approves capacity allocation rules for electricity interconnections.

On 21 June 2016, RTE (*Réseau de Transport d'Électricité*, the French Transmission System Operator) submitted to CRE, for approval, an amendment to the Rules for Intraday Capacity Allocation by Explicit Auctions on North Italian borders.

1. CONTEXT

The allocation of intraday electricity interconnection capacities on the Northern Italian borders (Italy-Switzerland, Italy-Austria and Italy-Slovenia) is made through explicit auctions. On the Italian-Slovenian border, a project to implement implicit allocation is currently being developed by Italian and Slovenian transmission system operators, in coordination with the relevant market operators.

In this context, the Italian market operator, GME, requested the time of one of the auctions of its intraday market to be brought forward to optimise operations. Such change has a direct impact on the time slot of one of the intraday auctions organised on the other Italian borders and subsequently requires a change to the intraday capacity allocation rules for the France-Italy, Switzerland-Italy and Austria-Italy borders.

2. INTRADAY CAPACITY ALLOCATION RULES ON THE FRANCE-ITALY, SWITZERLAND-ITALY AND AUSTRIA-ITALY BORDERS

This new version of the allocation rules encompasses the two following amendments:

- removal of the Slovenia-Italy border, where intraday allocations will now be implicit;
- modification of the time slot of the second explicit auction on the other Italian borders.

The Italian intraday market consists of five auctions; the intraday capacity allocation at Italian borders consists of two explicit auctions. The results of these cross border auctions are taken into account in the Italian intraday market sessions. Thus, GME's request for the time slot of one of the Italian intraday market auctions to be brought forward requires the second intraday auction on the Italian borders to be brought forward too. The allocation rules proposal submitted by RTE plans to advance the time of this second auction by 10 minutes. This auction is currently held from 10.35am to 10.50am and would therefore be brought forward, from 10.25am to 10.40am.

3. CRE'S ANALYSIS AND DECISION

The transmission system operators submitted the draft rules for consultation from 4 to 18 May 2016. No comment was made by stakeholders.

These modifications enable better coordination between cross-border capacity allocation and the Italian intraday market.

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CRE therefore approves the new version of the rules as submitted by RTE. These rules will apply to products with delivery dates from 26 July 2016.

Paris, 13 July 2016 for the Energy Regulatory Commission, President, Philippe de LADOUCETTE