

Supplementary document to the consultation on information provided to shippers for non-profiled distribution customers

Context

The ACER¹ framework guidelines state that the network code currently developed by ENTSOG² shall require Transmission System Operators (TSOs) to provide to each shipper the available information regarding its inputs on to and off-takes from the balancing zone, at appropriate intervals during the gas day in order for network user to be able to balance its portfolio.

To satisfy these requirements, and without waiting for the planned introduction of the network code by the end of 2013, TIGF announced its own plans in 2011 to make information available over the gas day for industrial customers (Consumer Interface Points (PICs)) and distributors (Distribution-Transport Interface Points (PITDs)) connected to its network.

TIGF's development teams are currently working on the project so that, from the end of 2012, every shipper should have access to an hourly or four-hourly information of consumption by its customers connected to the transmission system, along with consumption data for the public distribution system. This information is derived from TIGF's metering installations.

Information regarding distribution customers

TIGF's public distribution metering information is not sufficient on its own to calculate each shipper's individual share of the consumption.

At the CRE's request, TSOs have been working with GrdF since the start of 2012 to define what information is to be made available to shippers for distribution customers and the methods needed for data calculation. Distribution System Operators (DSOs) GDS network and REGAZ have joined in the work.

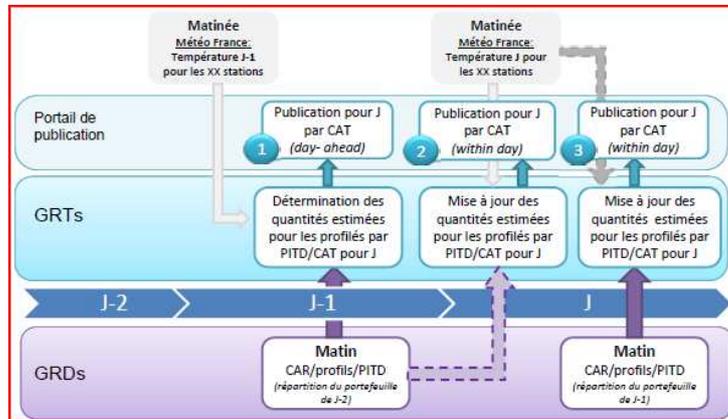
- Where profiled customers connected to distribution networks are concerned, it has been proposed that TSOs should provide each transport shipper with a consumption forecast broken down by balancing zone to cover all of their profiled customers. That forecast shall be made available no later than 13:00 on the day before the gas day in question, with an initial update before 14:00 on the gas day in question, and then a second one during that gas day. Forecasts

¹ "Framework Guidelines on Gas Balancing in Transmission Systems" by Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

² "Network Code on Gas balancing" by European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas

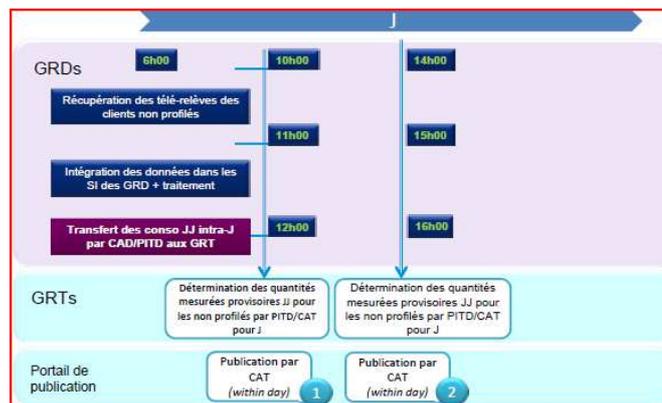
will be calculated by each TSO, based on the profiling algorithms used by the DSOs for their allocations. So that each shipper can be allocated their consumption forecast, DSOs will send the most recent version of the files showing the breakdown of portfolios by Distribution-Transport Interface Point (PITD) to DSOs between 09:00 and 10:00.

The diagram below, presented to Concertation Gaz, shows the arrangements for producing these data:



- For customers connected to the distribution system whose meters are read remotely during the course of the day or at the end of the day (non-profiled customers), it is proposed that DSOs should send consumption information to TSOs for each balancing zone twice during the course of the day (first before 12:00 and then before 16:00). This information will cover consumption expressed in energy (kWh) since the start of the gas day (06:00-10:00 and then 06:00-14:00) by CAD³ and by PITD. TSOs will provide each transport shipper with consumption information broken down by balancing zone for all their non-profiled customers.

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³ CAD = Transmission-Distribution Contract signed by each shipper transmitting gas over a distribution grid.

TIGF's proposal

Firstly, TIGF would like to point out that the proposal above for profiled customers connected to the distribution grid complies with the "base case" model suggested in the text of the network code as submitted for public consultation by ENTSOG on 13 April 2012.

- TIGF would like to stress that the network code contains no formal obligation to provide information on non-profiled customers connected to the distribution grid. However, insofar as the necessary information is provided by DSOs, TIGF subscribes to the proposal given above concerning non-profiled customers connected to the distribution system.

Next, from the technical point of view, TIGF intends to publish information about customers connected to the distribution grid over its TETRA exchange platform private area, with the capability to download that information.

- Given the fact that TIGF has planned to publish consumption information from the end of this year for the public distribution system broken down to PITD level, TIGF proposes that the information on non-profiled customers should be broken down not only by transport shipper, but also by PITD.

In addition, TIGF has taken note of the timescales announced by GrdF for the transmission of information to TSOs, should the developments be included in version v8b of OMEGA (end 2013-start 2014 for profiled customers, during 2014 for non-profiled customers).

- Should it be decided at the end of the consultation to provide shippers with information on non-profiled customers, TIGF would then be able to take steps to keep ahead of developments and thus limit expenditure as far as possible.

The costs associated with SI development must be covered by the ATRT tariff.