

Question 1: Are you in favour of the TSO's proposal regarding the change in the distribution rules between Cruzy and Castillon? Are you in favour of the marketing of 20 GWh/d in the form of firm monthly North-South capacity and the use of the 20 GWh/d remaining on average to improve the availability of the interruptible North-South capacity?

Statoil is in favour of the TSO's proposal to amend the distribution between Cruzy and Chatillon in order to offer extra firm and interruptible North South capacity products.

Statoil is also in favour of GRTgaz propoposal to market the 20 GWh/d incremental North South firm capacity as monthly products via the CAM auctions on PRISMA.

Question 2: Are you in favour of the proposal of GRTgaz regarding the continuation of JTS's service this winter? Are you in favour of selling JTS capacities via the PRISMA centre?

Statoil do not have any objection in seeing the JTS service continued during Winter 2014 – 2015. Also Statoil would favour the commercialisation of the capacity released though the JTS service on PRISMA.

Question 3: Are you in favour of the circulating gas system offered by GRTgaz to reduce the magnitude of the variations of the North-South Link interruption? If so, what variant will you prefer?

In principle, Statoil favours contractual solutions along the value chain provided that these are transparent, non-discriminatory and cost-efficient. However, Statoil note that little detailed analysis has been made available, notably on the costs that will be incurred by the market participants.

Statoil will therefore reserve its views until further detailed information and cost benefit analysis is made available.

Question 4: Do you have other comments about the proposals of GRTgaz and TIGF for the optimisation of the gas infrastructures?

Statoil do not have further comments on the TSOs' proposals.

Question 5: Are you in favour of the principle of a price decrease at the Fos PITTM? Do you share the analysis of CRE which sees the difficulty in finding an efficient implementation? Do you have other solutions to offer?

Statoil support the analysis of CRE and notes that little benefits has been identified. The cost of such a measure could also prove to be counterproductive.

Question 6: Are you in favour of the system suggested by CRE if a call for bids for flows from Spain to France in the event of significant tension in the south of France? Do you have suggestions regarding the terms of implementation of that system?

Statoil would welcome additional detailed cost benefit analysis on this measure and would also appreciate that such measures are discussed and agreed upon in full cooperation with the Spanish regulator and TSO prior to further consultation of the market players. In any case measures aiming at balancing gas flows at the interconnection point between France and Spain should be market-based, non-discriminatory, and transparent in terms of how such a mechanism would be triggered in lieu of the principle of "significant tension".

Therefore, Statoil would like to reserve its opinion until additional information are made available, notably on the cost benefit analysis, cooperation mechanisms and triggers.

Question 7: Are you in favour of the incentive control of the extra capacity of the North South link offered by the CRE?

Statoil would support that the costs incurred by GRTgaz are covered. Statoil also considers that the TSOs should develop products that optimizes the utilization of the gas infrastructure on market based principles and does not see substantial benefits from introducing further incentives.

Question 8: Are you in favour of a decrease in the regulated tariff of the monthly capacities to the North to South link offered by CRE?

Statoil is favourable to a decrease in the regulated tariffs of the daily and monthly capacity at the North-South Link during times of lower tension in the market.

Question 9: Are you in favour of the extension to the Gascogne-Midi project of the incentive regulation system applicable to the Val de Saône project?

Question 10: Are you in favour of the allotment of a premium to encourage TSOs to start up the Val de Saone and Gascogne-Midi projects in 2018? If so, what amount do you think should be applied?

Statoil is not in a position to comment on the extension of the incentive regulation to Gascogne-Midi nor on the allotment of a premium encouraging the start up of the Val de Saone and Gascogne-Midi projects in 2018 as little cost benefit information on such incentives has been made available.

In principle Statoil would like to see a commitment to the creation of a single market place in France by 2018 with cost efficiency as the main criteria for implementation.

Statoil would also appreciate that the overall European and national incentives are examined in order to insure that these measures are proportionated in order to maximize the benefits of the merger.

Question 11: Do you have any other comment?

Statoil do not have any further comment.