

## Gas Network Codes Functionality Process Issue Solution

Issue details	
Number:	470-19-05-15-1247
Name:	BRS for Balancing
Reporting party:	Equinor SAS
Network Code / Guidelines concerned:	Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks, Commission Regulation (EU) 2014/312
Article of the Network Code / Guidelines	Articles 31-37
Category:	European issue
Abstract:	
<p>The business requirements specification for nomination and matching procedures is referencing the Network code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks but is only describing small parts of the network code. This can create a situation where TSO's think they are compliant with the network code by implementing what is included in the nomination and matching BRS but that is only covering the nomination and matching process and is missing out on many of the other balancing parts.</p> <p>In our opinion the BRS is missing descriptions on how to handle the within day obligations described in article 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32-39 of the network code.</p>	

Issue solution(s)	
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<p>ENTSOG and ACER, together with NRAs and TSOs, have engaged in several discussions with the issue posters Equinor and Engie, as well as collected extensive information on the usage of edig@s<sup>®</sup> format. As has been concluded in the solution supporting document, it has been found that amending the existing BRS for Nomination and Matching or drafting a new BRS is not warranted at this point in time. ENTSOG and ACER do however share the view of Equinor and Engie that adopting a Union-wide data exchange format would bring benefits for the parties involved in the balancing processes. Therefore, ENTSOG have issued a recommendation note addressed to TSOs recommending the use of the latest version of edig@s<sup>®</sup> format, currently edig@s<sup>®</sup> 6.1 version.</p>	

The solution supporting document also outlines the current use of the various edig@s<sup>®</sup> versions and other formats, and TSOs implementation migration plans already in place for edig@s<sup>®</sup> 6.1, which will allow the effects of the ENTSG recommendation and evolution of edig@s<sup>®</sup> usage to be followed up on. It has also been found reasonable to allow for different implementation times given the different needs of different TSOs and their network users.

ACER and ENTSG therefore conclude that the recommendation note issued by ENTSG on the adoption of edig@s<sup>®</sup> 6.1 is an appropriate solution to the issue request, given the current regulatory framework of both INT&DE NC and BAL NC allowing for different data exchange solutions.