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Eurogas Views on Balancing Rules

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Eurogas supports the development of a level of harmonisation of balancing systems across EU transmission networks that supports competitive gas markets and benefits consumers.

Eurogas

- has distributed a Position Paper
- signed up to the short statement with other stakeholders on gas balancing rules
- is finalizing its response to ERGEG's Consultation

The key principles underlying TSOs' balancing regimes should be harmonized to the extent possible in support of a competitive gas market.

Daily balancing should be the preferred standard structure with permitted flexibilities as appropriate.

Shippers need user friendly online access sufficient to allow them to balance their portfolios

- detailed balancing and/or line pack status near real time
- the aggregate balancing status of the system
- real time information on the volumes and prices for TSO balancing systems
- timely and reliable data on allocation in respect of their non-daily metered customers

TSOs and DSOs have to co-operate in order to provide the needed information.

TSOs should set out transparent charging procedures, which specify exactly when and under what circumstances shippers will be charged for each imbalance component.

Imbalance changes will need to be market and cost reflective and should ideally be based on marginal prices in the local balancing market.

A common time zone reference for the definition of a common gas-day around Europe should be adopted as far as possible.