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THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION: PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

The designated President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker has unveiled his portfolio allocation for the next European Commission. Mrs Alenka Bratusek (Slovenia) is nominated to be the Commission Vice President for Energy Union and Mr Miguel Arias Canete (Spain) is nominated to be the Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy. The Commissioners will now be interviewed in hearings in the European Parliament. Mr. Canete will be interviewed on 1st October and the Commissioner Ms. Bratusek on 6 October 2014. Afterwards, the European Parliament will vote on the College of Commissioners in the week of 20-23 October and if approved, it can start its term on 1st November 2014.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: INTERNAL ENERGY MARKET

The European Commission is planning to publish a report evaluating the progress made in the internal energy market as well as a communication on the retail energy market. Both publications are expected for October.

ACER / CEER : GREEN PAPER "EUROPEAN ENERGY REGULATION – A BRIDGE TO 2025"

ACER, together with CEER, are preparing the Green Paper "European Energy Regulation – A Bridge to 2025". Amongst other topics, it reconsiders the role of DSOs, and reviews further unbundling needs for small DSOs having less than 100.000 customers, currently exempted from the provisions. ACER / CEER will present on 23 September the "Bridge to 2025" Conclusion Paper which is the result of a public consultation.

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NETWORK CODES ELECTRICITY AND GAS

Electricity

Nine network codes for electricity have been elaborated by ENTSO-E till now and one is still in development, namely the network code on emergency and restoration. A public consultation on this code is foreseen before the end of 2014.

Most of the codes are now in the hands of the Commission and should be discussed with Member States in the framework of a Comitology process. Due to some legal issues regarding the format of the regulations – will it be a guideline or a network code? – and the active participation of the Member States' representatives in Comitology, the process has been delayed considerably. The first guideline that might be (positively) voted for this year is CACM (capacity allocation and congestion management).

The discussions and votes on the rest of the codes/guidelines are postponed and will normally take place in 2015.

<u>Gas</u>

For gas, the process worked out a little smoother than for electricity, may be also due to the fact that there are 'only' four codes to handle so far. Network codes on capacity allocation mechanisms and on gas balancing are already published as regulations. For the first one, an additional chapter on incremental capacity is in development. The network code on interoperability and data exchange should pass through Comitology end of 2014, beginning of 2015.

The network code on harmonized transmission tariff structures is at the moment in its refinement phase by ENTSOG, after the public consultation, and will be submitted to ACER for its reasoned opinion by the end of 2014.

AGENDA

- **CEDEC Energy Cities GIZ** "Energy Transition Engine of Growth in Europe's Regions": Brussels, 8 October 2014 (www.cedec.com)
- <u>VKU</u> Do we need a new relationship between the EU, its citizens and the local public utility sector: Brussels, 8 October 2014
- **CEDEC WG** Grid Tariffs: 9 October 2014
- EU Gas Forum (Madrid): 15-16 October 2014
- CEDEC WG Gas & CEDEC WG Network Codes for Electricity: 21 October 2014
- European Council Decision on 2030 energy and climate policy framework: 23-24 October 2014
- CEDEC annual congress: 19 November 2014 (<u>www.cedec.com</u>)
- EU Electricity Forum (Florence): 27-28 November 2014
- Energy Council : 9 December 2014

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