Press Release

ENTSOG launches the new Transparency Platform

The creation of the internal European gas market has significantly changed the gas transmission business. A first common platform has been already set up by the TSOs on a voluntary basis six years ago and then improved in order to comply with the Transparency Guidelines and Congestion Management Procedures (Chapter 3 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and its amendments) in which the requirement for ENTSOG to establish a union-wide central platform, where all Transmission System Operators (TSOs) shall make their relevant data publicly available was set. Tomorrow, on 1 October 2014, a totally new version of this digital interface will be available to all market participants.

(Brussels, 30 September 2014, PR072-14) By providing different information related to gas transmission in an organised and structured way on a single website https://transparency.entsog.eu, replacing the previous address http://www.gas-roads.eu), the platform is a further contribution by TSOs for gas to enhance transparency in the European energy market.

The Transparency Platform will provide technical and commercial data on transmission points and their interconnection with storage, LNG, distribution, final consumers and production and will show all the identified relevant points in a new map. The use of the platform is free of charge for all market participants; all information is provided by the TSOs and marked with time stamps.

Additional tools available comprise graphs and charts for more convenient data display and a balancing zone map with more details on gas flows between European balancing zones.

With regards to downloads, there are now two distinct ways to download the data. For the human users, an export wizard integrated into the platform enables them to easily define which kind of data they want. For the machine users, i.e. external IT systems connecting to ENTSOG's Transparency Platform, a specific functionality (API) has been built so as to enable easy set-up of automated queries, with which external systems can directly retrieve data from the

Transparency Platform, bypassing the graphical interface and with a wide range of filter parameters available.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *"We have implemented a totally new and a more user friendly system that provides more useful functions to our stakeholders and also meets the growing requirements of the European internal gas market."*
Having all TSOs data available on one central website will facilitate comparisons and quantitative analysis. ENTSOG will monitor the operation and, if necessary, adapt the tool according to further needs.

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Editorial notes

> ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at this link.

> In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.

> The New Transparency Platform will include as a major new feature the publication in hourly granularity. This publication will be done by those Transmission System Operators which do have hourly periods as the smallest settlement period. TSOs which only settle on daily basis will not publish hourly values.

> The New Transparency Platform will also include for the first time a calculation of aggregates at a TSO and balancing zone level. These aggregates will consist in the sum of the values provided at interconnection point level by the TSOs, producing the aggregate physical flows, nomination/renominations, and allocations between each TSO and its adjacent system.

> This feature will not be available directly on the 1st of October, but should be deployed in the second half of October.