



Communication to Market Participants
CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling

Date: 23 January 2015

Subject: Preparation steps for Go-Live of Flow-Based MC in the CWE region on 1 April 2015

Dear Market Participant,

1) Confirmation of target Go-live date

After several years of project work and about two years of external parallel run to support Market Parties in this major change, the CWE project partners concluded that the Market Coupling process based on FB parameters will soon reach its readiness to be launched.

The CWE FB MC Project would therefore like to confirm the target date for **launch of CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling on 1 April 2015** provided satisfaction of remaining acceptance criteria, successful tests (e.g. simulation and member testing), and provision of necessary regulatory approvals. Please see the exact sequence hereafter:

- 31 March: start of FB calculation
- **1 April: first trading day** using FB parameters for the coupling process
- 2 April: delivery day

2) Member tests

Simulation tests for market participants will take place in the afternoon during three days **between 3 and 5 March 2015**.

Further details to participate in the Member testing sessions with your local Power Exchange will be provided in the coming weeks.

3) Market Forum

Please note that the last Market Forum before target Go-live of CWE FB MC will be organized **in Paris near Charles De Gaulle (CDG) Airport on 6 March 2015** so as to guide market parties through the next preparation steps for a smooth implementation of FB MC.

CWE project partners welcomed the interaction with market parties during previous Forums and would like to present the latest transparency and data publication framework to the Market on this occasion.



4) External parallel run process and data

Project partners would like to inform you that the parallel run process (being a calculation process completely run in parallel to normal daily processes by TSOs for the two past years) will probably terminate about a few days before the actual target Go-Live date of FB MC. The CWE FB MC Project aims at reducing this period but it should be expected that no FB parameters will be published for the days prior launch.

Please also note that simulation data from the two years of external parallel run will still be available on the dedicated page of the CASC website for a period of at least six months following successful launch of FB MC.

CWE FB project partners would like to continue close cooperation over the next months to ensure a well prepared launch of FB MC on 1 April 2015.

Best Regards,

CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling project partners