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Communication to Market Participants

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CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling

Subject: CWE Flow-Based MC launch on 20 May 2015 following NRAs approval

Dear Market Participants,

1. Go-live Date

Following the approval of Flow-Based MC by National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) on 23 April, CWE project partners are glad to confirm you the previously communicated launch date corresponding to the timeline described below:

- Start of TSO's operational process (Flow-Based capacity calculation): 19 May
- **First trading day using Flow-Based parameters for coupling: 20 May**
- First delivery day: 21 May

Member tests performed from 3-5 March 2015 were successfully completed with participants and the CWE Project has achieved complete readiness for Go-live since the end of March. Therefore, the project partners are confident that all prerequisites for a successful start and smooth operation of FB MC are now given.

2. End of parallel run process and Q&A Forum

We would like to remind you that the parallel run simulation process is foreseen to stop five days prior Go-live; therefore **last results will be published on 15 May 2015**.

Please however note that the Ftp server on which the historical parallel run results are published on CASC (<http://www.casc.eu/en/Resource-center/CWE-Flow-Based-MC/Parallel-Run-Results>) as well as the content of the supporting Q&A Forum (<http://www.casc.eu/en/Resource-center/CWE-Flow-Based-MC/Q---A-Forum>) will be maintained for a period of at least six months after Go-live.



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3. Further support to Market Parties for Go-live

Following additional data has been published on the CASC website for the parallel run period: historical **aggregated D2CF assumptions** from 01/01/13 to 19/02/15 on the Ftp server (<http://www.casc.eu/en/Resource-center/CWE-Flow-Based-MC/Parallel-Run-Results>) and aggregated D2CF data directly on the CASC website in D+2 since 20/02/15 (<http://www.casc.eu/en/Resource-center/CWE-Flow-Based-MC/Publication-CWE-Flow-based-External-parallel-run>).

Besides, the CWE Partners inform you that the final data publication framework is set up and available to market participants for testing purpose (through the CASC Utility tool web service). We would like to meet market parties' expectation to get more clarity on the overall publication framework from Go-live on by providing a detailed "**CWE Data Publication Handbook**" which you will find on the CASC website (under "explanatory notes"): <http://www.casc.eu/en/Resource-center/CWE-Flow-Based-MC/Documentation>

Please also note that all TSOs will have published their **static grid models** on their websites before Go-live.

Finally, the Q&A Forum will be administrated by project partners and active for a period of at least two months after Go-live in order to best support market parties in this transition and answer possible questions risking from market outcomes and first experiences with FBMC.

4. Post Go-live organization: CWE Consultative Group

The CWE Partners will remain in close contact with market participants through the regular CWE Consultative Group (CCG) meetings. The aim of this Forum will be to provide information to stakeholders about FB performance and market outcomes as well as on upcoming changes in the CWE region. It will enable us to consult stakeholders about the allocation method's efficiency and potential impact of changes and thus coordinate evolutions with the Market for an improved overall efficiency.

This group will gather CWE partners' representatives, a panel of Market Participants (FBUG members and associations) as well as NRAs and the first meeting should be scheduled before the summer break.

Best regards,

CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling Project Partners