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Six energy regulators publish a report on transparency for fostering electricity market integration in the Northern Regional Electricity Market (Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Poland and Sweden)

The Regional Co-ordination Committee (RCC) of the Northern Regional Electricity Market today published a report on transparency, indicating specific steps for the improvement and harmonisation of transparency in the wholesale electricity markets of the region. For the first time, generation data and information about unavailability of consumption and generation units will be available region-wide.

The Transparency Report provides the basis for harmonization of the transparency rules within the Northern Regional Electricity Market (Northern REM). It contains transparency requirements based on the Guidelines on Congestion Management (Commission Decision of 9 November 2006, 2006/770/EC, amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) 1228/2003 on conditions for access to transmission network for cross-border exchanges in electricity). These guidelines are legally binding, but needed specification which is accomplished with the Transparency Report. Also taken into account was valuable work by the European Regulators Group on Electricity and Gas (ERGEG). ERGEG had elaborated non-binding Guidelines of Good Practice on Information Management and Transparency (GGP-IMT).

By 1st of January 2008 information on load, transmission and interconnection and balancing has to be provided either on national homepages of TSOs or on the homepages of power exchanges in the region. For information on generation the report foresees a publication either on national homepages of TSOs or on the homepages of the power exchanges by 1st of July 2008. This two step implementation timeframe for generation information takes into account that data delivery processes for these data still has to be established.

The Northern REM, which is a part of ERGEG's Electricity Regional Initiative, is engaged in harmonizing congestion management and transparency in the Northern electricity market consisting of Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Poland and Sweden.

The Report on Transparency has been developed within the Implementation Group "Transparency" chaired by the German regulatory authority. Besides, all regulatory authorities in the region transmission system operators, associations of energy traders, producers and power exchanges have actively and constructively taken part in preparing the report. The future work of the Implementation Group "Transparency" will focus on monitoring the implementation of the requirements contained in the report.

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