



PICASSO (aFRR platform) – Invite for stakeholder workshop

Dear all,

The Guideline on Electricity Balancing (GL EB), approved by EU member states on March 16th 2017, defines relevant tasks and a timeline for the implementation of a European platform for the exchange of balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation (aFRR).

Given the importance of an efficient balancing mechanism for an integrated electricity market, the Austrian TSO APG, the Belgian TSO Elia, the Dutch TSO Tennet, the French TSO RTE and the German TSOs – 50Hertz, Amprion, Tennet, TransnetBW signed a Memorandum of Understanding in July 2017, which outlines the major cornerstones of the cooperation. The project name PICASSO stands for “Platform for the International Coordination of the Automatic frequency restoration process and Stable System Operation”. The eight TSOs of PICASSO took the voluntary initiative to anticipate the timelines set forth by GL EB by already starting the work on the design and preparation for implementation of the aFRR platform to facilitate future European-wide discussions. The aFRR Target Platform will meet the requirements of the GL EB and furthermore increase the security of supply and the economic efficiency of the activation of balancing energy.

The PICASSO parties see the communication with stakeholders and their feedback as essential for achieving the project goal – the development of a user-friendly and liquid platform. As a result, we aim to establish communication with stakeholders via a stakeholder workshop. This workshop will provide a comprehensive picture about the PICASSO project, including some open design options, so that stakeholders gain a good understanding about the features of the platform under development and can give their feedback.

Consequently, we would like to invite you to this workshop, which will be held on 5 October 2017 from 10:00 to 16:00 at the 50Hertz premises in Berlin (Heidestraße 2 10557 Berlin).

Since the number of participants is limited, we would like to stress that the participation might be restricted to the participation of **1 person per 1 company** to accommodate the room size.

Those who will not be able to join the meeting can also follow us through webcast (a link will be provided to registered participants). However it has to be mentioned that you will not be able to make comments or ask questions during the meeting, when connected by the webcast.



Please send your registration to our PMO at Markus.Wieland@p3-group.com as soon as possible by 15 September 2017 at the latest and indicate:

Subject: *PICASSO Stakeholders Workshop*

Your name and company

Your preference for participation: a) webcast; b) physical presence

We are glad to having the chance to receive your feedback on our work and looking forward to a fruitful discussion.