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NWE Day-Ahead Price Coupling

NWE Go-Live

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NWE Price Coupling status

- The 17 parties of the NWE Price Coupling project have worked hard to design, implement and test the numerous NWE price coupling systems and interfaces.
 - Over 50 systems and over 150 interfaces involved.
 - SWE parties were included in the testing phases.
- On the operational side, all NWE procedures were established in close cooperation with the PCR project and the regional projects.
- Partial coupling scenarios were introduced to allow as many as possible borders and interconnectors to remain coupled in case an issue occurs in NWE.
- The Day-ahead Operational Contract between all the parties was agreed end of October and the signing of the contract is ongoing. Regional and local agreements are about to be finished and signed
- Market participants were informed and prepared via 2 fora and through the NWE member test, which was successfully performed in October.
- The project is now in the last stages and final versions of it- systems are delivered requesting one more round of testing to assure stability.
- The readiness of the operational teams can also be achieved in the coming weeks.



Go live date

- Initial target date was November 26, 2013
 - The project has put severe acceptance criteria both on systems stability and operational readiness. Delivery of quality to assure stable market operations is key to the project.
 - Stabilization of systems and procedures will take approximately 14 days.
 - Parties involved agree that having the final versions of systems perform in a stable way for a certain time (4 weeks minimum) is an absolute prerequisite for Go-live.
 - Time left to November 26 therefore is too short.
- Alternative dates in 2013 have to take into account the Christmas holidays coming up
 - Launch within 2 weeks prior to the start of the holiday period is regarded as not feasible.
 - Based on the requirement of 4 weeks stable run, no feasible alternative date is possible before Christmas holidays.
- Launch preparation time therefore starting right after the Christmas holidays.

Target launch date NWE DA Market Coupling:

February 4, 2014

(to be confirmed before Christmas)