

We are very pleased to confirm the Go-Live date for the NWE Price Coupling on Tuesday 4th February (for delivery date of Wednesday 5th February).

Please note at this time IFA Access Rules V9.0 will supersede the previous version (V8.0) and in particular Day Ahead Auctions will be moved from Explicit Daily Auctions to Implicit Daily Auctions. IFA day ahead capacity allocation in normal circumstances will therefore cease to be conducted via Explicit Daily Auctions, and will be administered by the Price Coupling algorithm within the overall NWE Price Coupling solution. Explicit Daily Auctions will be used as the IFA fallback process should Implicit Daily Auctions mechanism be operationally unavailable.

Roll-out of the new CMS IFA version will take place on 3rd February 2014 with an outage on the production (live) environment between 14:15 and 17:15hrs (CET). As a consequence the following changes to the daily process for the 3rd February 2014 will apply:

- Intraday Units for the period from 20:00 to 23:59 (CET) cannot be subject to a Capacity Transfer Notice during the gate opening from 14:15 (CET) until 16:00 and as a consequence such gate will be removed.
- Intraday ICE for the period from 20:00 to 23:59 (CET) will not be notified to the Users at 16:15 (CET).
- Intraday Mid-Channel Nominations of Intraday Units for the period from 20:00 to 23:59 (CET) cannot be submitted during the gate for Intraday MCNs and as a consequence the gate for Intraday MCNs opening at 16:20 and closing at 17:00 (CET) will be removed.
- Long-Term ICE for the contract day 5th February 2014 in each direction will be notified at 17:15 (CET).

The new User Guide documentation will be published on CMS in advance of the roll-out and can be downloaded from there. Please note that as usual the current User Guide documentation are also accessible from CMS and will be removed once roll-out of the new version is complete.

As communicated during the IFA User forum in London on the 23rd January 2014, we would like also to underline the two following:

- Long term ICE for the contract day D+2 will be now sent on day D at 16:15hrs (CET), regardless of it day D is a business day or not,
- Default Bid parameters for price and volume within CMS applicable to all Bids have been set for both price and volume at a minimum value of zero (0), and a maximum value of one million (1,000,000). The operators invite Users to amend those values as a safeguard to avoid bids errors.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

**For and on behalf of
National Grid Interconnectors and RTE**