

Febeliec answer to the Elia public consultation on a proposal for modification of the tariff for maintaining and restoring the residual balance of individual BRPs

Febeliec would like to thank Elia for its public consultation on a proposal for modification of the tariff for maintaining and restoring the residual balance of individual BRPs

Febeliec completely supports the proposal of Elia, as it has never been the intention nor purpose to not take into account the prices of mFRR sharing agreements in the calculation of the imbalance price. Febeliec regrets that the postponement of the connection to MARI has lead to the current situation where such prices are not reflected in the imbalance price as it leads to a situation where BRPs ae not correctly and sufficiently incentivized to take action and maintain balance in their perimeter, while all additional costs for the inter-TSO activations are socialized through the grid tariffs, causing a double negative impact for consumers, which is totally unacceptable for Febeliec. Even worse, the current situation could lead to perverse effects for BRPs which could even aggravate the Belgian imbalance (through geographical arbitrage) which could even undermine the stability of the Belgian and European system, which is even more unacceptable.

Febeliec thus fully supports the proposal of Elia, through the proposed quick fix solution of a (temporary) additional alpha component, as this would be the fastest solution, and most strongly insists that this solution should be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity, to avoid any cost or grid security impacts in a summer with possible incompressibility issues which could require inter-TSO balancing agreement activations.

Febeliec represents corporate energy consumers in Belgium for whom energy is a significant component of production costs and a key factor of competitiveness. Febeliec strives for competitive prices for electricity and natural gas for its members, and for more security of energy supply in the context of the energy transition. Febeliec's members are 5 sector federations and more than 40 companies from various sectors (chemistry and life sciences, petroleum products, glass, pulp & paper and cardboard, mining, textiles and wood processing, brick, non-ferrous metals, steel, transportation, construction materials, data centers, telecommunications). Together they represent some 80% of industrial electricity and natural gas consumption in Belgium and 225.000 jobs (www.febeliec.be).