

To the attention of:

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Dear Mrs Stromback,
[on behalf of the signatories of the Industry Group letter 20th July 2012]

This letter refers to your message, dated 20 July 2012. We wish to thank you for expressing your positive attitude towards the development of the Demand Connection Code (DCC), and notably the legitimacy of considering demand side response. The future role of this type of service in the stability and performance of European networks is acknowledged by yourself and other DCC User Group participants in the meetings we had so far.

ENTSO-E shares your view that the development of DCC requirements may have financial, technical and specific consumer-related impacts for demand side response providers as well as for other Demand and Distribution Networks to which the code applies. ENTSO-E is therefore working to identify and address these issues in this network code as well as in others to provide a well-supported and integrated framework of network codes that encompasses all relevant aspects of technical capabilities, market design and network operation. The (electricity) Balancing Network Code as noted in your letter is an important component in this regard. In the development of this code, ENTSO-E is seeking nominations at present to form a stakeholder advisory group and we welcome your offer to contribute in this group¹.

ENTSO-E endeavours to provide integrated, clear and concise network codes, with supporting analysis and explanations. As part of our consultations we aim to test these and where necessary supplement and amend both the code as well as its supporting documents. Many of the issues you raise on the DCC relate to the effectiveness of the draft code and supporting material, either in the level of detail as it is available, or how it is communicated or interpreted. As these issues deserve more attention than can be addressed in a letter, but may also be impacting other stakeholders, the presently ongoing series of public workshops initiated by TSOs at national level and notably the European public workshop on the 9th August in Brussels seem the ideal opportunities to convey your messages, and then to discuss and focus on these to reach a common understanding.

Also, as we are presently in a formal consultation period of the draft DCC, I invite you to provide specific comments on the draft DCC in the ENTSO-E web consultation tool².

¹ <https://www.entsoe.eu/resources/network-codes/balancing/>

² <https://www.entsoe.eu/consultations/document/docdetails.do?uid=0004-495f-8db5-8fe7-cc6b&>

Formal comments provided via this channel will be assessed by ENTSO-E in a fully transparent process in which the DCC user group will be a quintessential forum in the months to come.

ENTSO-E appreciates your continuing commitment and we look forward to working collectively to an equitable network code.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dobbeni', enclosed within a simple rectangular box drawn with the same ink.

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President
ENTSO-E

Cc: Mrs. Inge BERNAERTS (DG Energy, European Commission)
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