Adjusted timeplan for the Nordic aFRR capacity market, updated implementation guide, testing and webinar

Adjusted timeplan:

In the beginning of 2020, the Nordic regulators escalated the application, from the Nordic transmission system operators (TSOs), for a common Nordic aFRR capacity market, to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy regulators (ACER). ACER approved the final application, with reservation that several demands needed to be implemented. These demands entail changes in the IT solution. A gap analysis was performed in August 2020, analysing the difference of what had already been implemented according to the original application to the Nordic national regulatory authorities (NRAs), and the changes needed because of the ACER feedback. The changes will affect the IT solutions at balancing service providers (BSPs) and TSO in each of the Nordic countries.

As a pre-requisite for the aFRR capacity market Go-live, the Nordic NRAs support that cross zonal capacity (CZC) does not need to be allocated according to the method stated in the Capacity Allocation & Congestion Management (CACM) regulation. However, the Nordic NRAs advise the TSOs to ensure adequate quality in the future capacity calculation method during an "external parallel run" before going live with the Nordic common aFRR capacity market.

Awaiting a Nordic Go-live, the Nordic TSOs have agreed to utilize the Nordic platform for national aFRR capacity markets. It will be up to each TSO to decide if and when to go live with a national aFRR capacity market and they will coordinate timing of the IT implementation, integration testing and market on-boarding with BSPs in their own country. It is expected that the first national market will go live in September 2021.

A new version of the installation guide:

30.August 2019 *"BSP implementation guide – aFRR capacity market v1.3"* was published on www.nordicbalancingmodel.net. To be in line with the requirements from ACER, an update to the implementation guide has now been published (v2.3).

You can find the updated version and example xml files here:
https://nordicbalancingmodel.net/updated-version-implementation-guide-afrr-capacity-market-bsp-2/

The latest changes are summarized below:

- General review and updates
- Message type changes
- New version of Balancing Document
- New pricing model

Please be aware that example files will be published in week 2.

Webinar

The Nordic project and 4 TSOs will co-host a webinar 5.Feb '21 to demonstrate the IT solution, answer questions and present the timeline and activities relevant for BSPs towards national and Nordic Go-live. Please use the following web address to register to the webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8199965717603420427

Integration testing with Nordic solution

We are looking for BSPs to participate in integration testing with the Nordic solution. The only prerequisite is that the last version of the BSP implementation guide (v2.3) has been implemented. The testing will be performed in April '21.

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