

Proposed Code change amending balancing products used in the Netherlands

In this short letter Energy Traders Europe would like express support to the proposed move away from next-hour balancing products and the introduction of an end-of-day product on the Dutch gas market. However, we do not understand the reasoning behind the proposed concurrent introduction of the "incentive to limit imbalance", particularly since the proposed levy is set to double from 10% (orange zone) to 20% (red zone).

While we maintain our support to the Code change proposal, we would request further justification of why establishing an additional incentivising factor at the level of 10-20% is necessary. We highlight that past ACER reports signalled that GTS was typically forced to take very few balancing actions, suggesting that the motivation to remain in balance is already in place. This is further substantiated by the fact that in 2025 no balancing actions in the orange/red zone have yet taken place. We would therefore suggest postponing the decision to introduce the levy until there are sufficient grounds to justify such move.

We ask you to include these comments in the 'commentarenmatrix'.

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