CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Response to the modified IFA & IFA2 Interconnectors Access Rules

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Key messages

Interconnectors are key for efficient and affordable energy, as well as for security of supply. The access rules should enable efficient functioning of the market and the ability to respond to price signals.

We support updating the rules to comply with recent HAR 2024 and 2026 changes.

For Intraday fallback, we support enabling a fallback mechanism when feasible. We flag that the creation of Chapter 5A is not visible in the Contents table at the beginning of the Access Rules, which could be useful to add. Market participants are interested in supporting this development by being involved in what would be considered intraday fallback mechanisms. This could be either in the form of a consultative process, bilateral exchanges, or roundtable discussions.

On Default Bids, we appreciate that they may be considered in the fallback mechanisms in all timeframes. As a general enquiry, are there some examples (i.e. scenarios, specific conditions) where the default bids would be accepted?

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