

## **Communication to CWE NRAs on the update of the CWE FBMC Approval Package for Swissgrid winter 2018-2019 measures**

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**Subject:** Update of the CWE FBMC approval package for winter 2018-2019

In response to the Pentalateral Energy Forum request to CWE TSOs to provide measures for winter 2018/2019 in case security of the grid issues are foreseen in the Swiss grid.

During the PLEF meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, ministries, TSOs and NRAs acknowledged the issues presented by Swissgrid, and agreed to have CWE Operational Managers discuss the technical feasibility of three proposed measures.

CWE TSOs' Operational Managers met on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 together with Swissgrid Operational Managers to discuss and agree on a technical basis on the available three measures. They identified measures to maintain a safe situation for all TSOs involved. CWE TSOs' Operational Managers agreed during their meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> that the only pragmatic and short term measure for winter 2018/2019 to maintain a reliable and safe situation for all parties is the introduction of a French import constraint by RTE in case security issues are foreseen in Switzerland for limited hours. The French import constraint would result from enhanced coordination in the verification phase between RTE and Swissgrid and would be accompanied with transparency measures from Swissgrid. Therefore this measure allows an operational implementation in due time for winter 2018/2019 and ensures limited impacts on the CWE FBMC.

The CWE NRA Expert Meeting of September 19<sup>th</sup> gave the opportunity to present the issue to CWE NRAs. The French import constraint as a short-term measure for the winter 2018/2019 was brought forward. The process would be triggered in case security issues are identified in Switzerland for limited hours of time in combination with transparency requirements for Swissgrid. The key aspects of this measure as well as an overview of the actions taken by CWE TSOs and Swissgrid at System Operation level in the past were provided in dedicated documents to the CWE NRAs in November 2018.

During the CWE NRA Expert Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> of December, CWE NRAs acknowledged the implementation of the measure provided that the approval package is updated. The implementation of the measure was presented by CWE TSOs and Swissgrid during the PLEF held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and welcomed by the ministries.

Therefore the CWE TSOs are submitting to the NRAs the updated approval document with an annex detailing the implementation of the short-term measure.



Best regards,

**CWE Transmission System Operators**