

Remarks and suggestions in response to the public consultation on the proposal to extend the validity of the T&C VSP for the contractual period 2022

In this reaction, Belgian Offshore Platform responds to the public consultation on the proposal to extend the validity of the Terms and Conditions applicable to providers of voltage and reactive power control service including the standard contract for the delivery of the voltage and reactive power control service (T&C VSP) as launched by Elia on 2nd February 2021.

BOP remains at Elia's disposal for further questions and clarifications when deemed necessary.

Extension for the contractual period 2022

The current version of the T&C VSP is valid for the contractual period 2021. Elia proposes to extend the validity with a period of one year, i.e. the contractual period 2022.

BOP understood the target design of the voltage and reactive power control service implies an elimination of the current tender procedure and a change to a regulated contract with regulated tariffs for the voltage and reactive power services.

BOP accepts that the validity of the T&C VSP would be extended for another year and also sees reasons for extending the T&C VSP for a period of 2 years, covering the contractual periods 2022 and 2023.

- As the current regulatory period will end in 2023, the discussion and public consultation on the regulated tariffs and related methodology to set the tariffs for the voltage and reactive power services can be introduced in the framework of the revision of all the tariffs for the period 2024-2027.
- The VSP services are only mandatory for the offshore wind parks since the beginning of 2021. So there is not yet any historical data available for a proper determination of the related tariffs and it would be good to be able to integrate the lessons learned and data analysis with regard to one entire service period. In order to properly analyse the impact of the Voltage Services, a technical analysis is required based on at least a full year of operational data, which makes it quasi impossible to design and discuss the methodological framework for the related tariffs in 2022. Ahead of the tariff setting in the new regulatory regime, BOP would like to request Elia for reasons of transparency to provide a copy of the related DNV GL Study and the Consentec Benchmarking Study. It would also be good to understand the relationship between the cost per MVARh in the current Elia tariffs and the tariffs (that would be) applicable for the VSP services.
- Considering the work load involved for discussing and implementing all the changes related to the Elia services, one extra year will be most welcome for all parties involved. In our opinion, this contractual change is not the most urgent topic.