



## Consultation 11 Report

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

From March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 until April 22<sup>th</sup> 2024 included via the consultation 11, Balansys SA consulted the market on its proposed changes in the regulatory documents, following the end of the L-gas to H-gas conversion in Belgium:

1. Balansys will not do any residual balancing activities anymore for the L-gas market zone.
2. Removal of quality conversion fee for the compensation of L-gas market zone settlements, as no balancing settlements will be done any longer for the L-gas market zone.
3. H-gas market zone will be renamed BeLux market zone.
4. Specific settlements rules to be used for some Within-Day Settlement and End-of-Day Settlement for August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.
5. Clarification that, in case of termination of the agreement, the collateral must be maintained until payment of invoices with the last due date.
6. Clarification on interest calculations in the event of a cash deposit.

## 2. CONSULTATION PROCESS

Balansys SA launched this market consultation by publishing the proposed documents on its website - at the usual location for such consultation and via direct e-mailing to all duly registered market participants and associations.

During the period from March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 until April 22<sup>th</sup> 2024 included, stakeholders were invited to submit their written feedback and, if needed seek additional information through bilateral contacts with Balansys SA. An online infosession was given on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 and recording of the session was made available on the Fluxys Belgium website on the same day.

Taking into account the different comments received, Balansys SA submits for approval to the CREG and the ILR, the so amended version of the Balancing Agreement, Balancing Program and Balancing Code, that aims to become applicable as from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## 3. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION PROCESS

Feedback was received from 1 Network User, not mentioning its feedback as being confidential.

All comments received are listed and individually treated in the “Q&A’s”, included in the consultation report submitted to CREG and ILR – see appendix 1.

Concerning the flexibility of the L-zone, the Network User indicated that the linepack of the pipeline allowing transit to France and the associated flexibility should be fully put at disposal of the French TSO in order to guarantee the French Security of Supply and at term attenuate as much as possible the physical constraints met by ENGIE on the L—Zone.

In response to that, Balansys wants to remind that this feedback is not relevant to Balansys and its proposed adjustments to the regulated documents. TSO agreements are also not the subject of this consultation. If needed, the French TSO can always contact Fluxys Belgium in case of specific request.

#### **4. APPENDICES**

##### ***4.1 Appendix 1: Market consultation – public material***

## 1. Market consultation - public material

- a. E-mail: invitation to submit comments
- b. List of documents in consultation
- c. Questions & Answers
- d. Printed copy of written comments

E-mail: invitation to submit comments

# Balansys: Market Consultation 11

## Redesign L-market

Dear Customer,

Participate in our market consultation that will take place **from 21 March 2024 to 22 April 2024**. The following changes are introduced in the regulatory documents:

1. Introducing the required changes accompanying the new configuration of the L-Zone after the end of the L-gas to H-gas conversion

- a. L-gas market zone will not offer any flexibility anymore
- b. Balansys will not do any follow-up nor residual balancing activities anymore for the L-Zone
- c. Trading services will not be offered anymore for the L-Zone
- d. Removal of quality conversion fee for the compensation of L-Zone settlements

2. Minor changes

- a. In case of termination of the agreement, the collateral must be maintained until payment of the last due invoices

The following document summarises the proposed changes: [Summary Note Consultation 11](#).

All documents in consultation are available on our [website](#).

List of documents in consultation

# MARKET CONSULTATION FROM 21 MARCH TO 22 APRIL 2024

Balansys consults the market from 21 March 2024 to 22 April 2024 on the regulatory documents.

Following the end of the L-gas to H-gas conversion in Belgium, Balansys is proposing adjustments accompanying the new configuration of the L-gas market zone to its regulated documents.

Another technical change is also proposed to clarify that, in case of termination of the agreement, the collateral must be maintained until payment of invoices with the last due date. A clarification is also proposed on interest calculations in the event of a cash deposit.

Please find below the documents describing the proposed adjustments for consultation purposes.

## Related downloads

- [Balancing Agreement](#)
- [Balancing Program](#)
- [Balancing Code in the Belux Area](#)
- [Description-of-changes](#)

Please note that an **online info session will be organized on Friday March 29th 2024 as from 10h30**

Please find hereafter the connection link to the info session:

[Join the meeting now](#)

The documents are available on our website: <http://www.balansys.eu/market-consultation/>



## Questions & Answers

#	From	Confidential?	Topic	Questions / Comments by Stakeholders	Answers / Comments by Balansys
1	ENGIE	NO	Flexibility Offered	Engie contests proposal to not offer flexibility anymore for Network Users on L-grid : The linepack of the pipeline allowing transit to France and the associated flexibility should be fully put at disposal of the French TSO in order to guarantee the French Security of Supply and at term attenuate as much as possible the physical constraints met by ENGIE on the L—Zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* This feedback is not relevant to Balansys and its proposed adjustments to the regulated documents.</li> <li>* TSO agreements are not the subject of this consultation. French TSO can always contact Fluxys Belgium in case of specific request.</li> </ul>

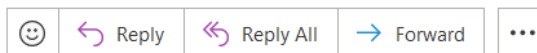
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## ENGIE's comments to Fluxys' consultation N°67 and to Balansys consultation n°11



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Bonjour,

Merci de trouver ci-dessous les commentaires d'ENGIE à la consultation n°67 de Fluxys et la consultation n°11 de Balansys :

La canalisation d'Hilvarenbeek à Taisnières B, d'une longueur d'environ 200 km et d'un diamètre de plus d'1 mètre, possède une grande capacité de stockage et représente une source importante de flexibilité. Par exemple, le stock en conduite a permis d'assurer la consommation de la Belgique pendant certaines périodes, comme du 26 décembre 2023 de 1:00 à 04:00 et du 09 au 10 février 2024 de 23h00 à 2h00, où les flux de gaz étaient nuls aux points d'interconnexion réseau Taisnières B et Hilvarenbeek (source ENSTOG).

Cependant, avec la fin définitive de la consommation de gaz L en Belgique, cette infrastructure sera exclusivement dédiée à l'approvisionnement en gaz L de la France et deviendra en quelque sorte une extension du réseau GRTgaz. Son exploitation sera entièrement axée sur la sécurité d'approvisionnement en gaz L pour la France.

Il est important de noter que tous les gestionnaires d'infrastructures sont confrontés aux défis liés à l'adaptation des installations techniques face à la baisse des consommations de gaz L. ENGIE conteste donc la décision de Balansys et Fluxys de ne plus offrir de service de flexibilité aux expéditeurs sur le réseau en gaz L en Belgique, à moins que le stock en conduite et la flexibilité correspondante ne soient entièrement mis à la disposition du gestionnaire de réseau de transport français GRTgaz pour garantir la sécurité d'approvisionnement de la France et à terme gommer autant que possible les contraintes physiques rencontrées par l'expéditeur ENGIE sur la zone L.

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