

EDITORIAL

The GEODE VII Spring Seminar will take place in Brussels on the 11th May 2010. Under the title "ENERGY THE FUTURE PARADIGM. EUROPEAN TRENDS", the Seminar discussions will be focused on what comes after the Third Energy Package. The workshop will be an opportunity to present GEODE report on e-mobility a topic the European Commission is preparing a recommendation on and an Action Plan for its development in the EU. GEODE's Position paper in Energy efficiency will also be presented providing a clear view of the role distributors should play, being active on these areas and taking advantages of a unique opportunity. We very much hope to see you in Brussels.

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EUROPE

●●● EU ENERGY COUNCIL

The European Energy Council was held the 11th and 12th of March 2010. Main conclusions:

• Commission Communication "Investing in the Development of Low Carbon Technologies"

The SET PLAN intends to develop a clean, sustainable and efficient energy technology. It is an instrument to accomplish the 20-20-20 target and ease the transition to a low-carbon economy for 2050. The Plan was conceived at EU level, but a greater impact is expected, it should reinforce international initiatives and promote energy technologies. It will also improve competitiveness and security of supply.

A MS High Level Steering Group has been formed, the European Industrial Initiatives (EII) has made their Technology Roadmaps (2010-20) and are working on a EU Programme, the EU Energy Research Alliance (EERA) and the Smart Cities are being developed toward this goal.

The EIIs may differ between sectors but have common principles and priorities. They should be set upon a simple and non-bureaucratic but efficient structure. The EIIs should combine EU, National and private – companies and research institutions – financing in a coordinated way for an optimal use of resources.

The Council welcomes the Commission, the EU Investment Bank (EIB), the Risk Sharing Finance Facility (RSFF), the Marguerite Fund and the High Growth and Innovative SME Facility (GIF) involvement to make financial fund available.

• Council Political Agreement concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the EU

The Political Agreement will allow the Commission to obtain regular and up-to-date data of the infrastructures inside the EU. The Commission access to this information is crucial to secure energy supply and assure a safe transition to a low-carbon energy system. In a liberalized energy market and in its process to an EU Single Energy Market, there is a need of transparency and a guide of best practice that can be relied on the Commission.

MS will have to notify the Commission the data regarding "investment projects in energy infrastructure concerning production, storage and transport of oil, natural gas, energy from

renewable sources, electric power, bio-fuels and the capture and storage of carbon dioxide planned or under construction in their territory, including interconnections with third countries". The data will be submitted every 2 years to the Commission and its Market Observatory for Energy to provide a cross-sector analysis of structural evolution and infrastructure gaps. The report will be submitted to the Council, the Parliament and the EU Economic and Social Committee.

The data requested will include volume of the capacities planned, type and main characteristics of infrastructure together with cross border transmission projects, the probable year of commissioning, type of energy source, installation capable of responding to security of supply crises such as equipment enabling reverse flows or fuel switching, decommissioning capacity, the total volume of installed production, transmission and storage capacities which are in place at the beginning of the reporting and those that are interrupted for a period longer than three years. The Commission within five years of the entry in force will make a report to the Council and Parliament to be discussed.

●●● EC Interpretative Notes on the Third Energy Package

The 22nd of January the EC published four interpretative notes on different issues contained in the Third Energy Package.

Retail Market: outline consumers' protection measures and defines new objectives, duties and power of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs). It establishes new rules on retail market and gives explanations on provisions regarding the implementation of Smart Metering System.

NRAs: highlights NRAs independency with new rules and duties. It deals with complaints and legal action against NRAs decisions and its accountability.

Unbundling Regime for DSO: It analyses legal unbundling of transmission and distribution from other activities of the vertically integrated undertaking. It demands for functional unbundling to ensure its independence from other activities of the vertically integrated undertaking and states for accounting unbundling.

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Third-Party Access to Storage Facilities (GAS): all MSs must publish and define criteria according to which the access regime to storage facilities may be determined. It also analyses demands for SSOs legal and operational independency unbundled. It studies legal binding standards for third-parties access to services, capacity allocation and congestion management, and transparency concerning storage facilities.

●●● GEODE SPRING SEMINAR PROGRAMME



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Brussels

'ENERGY THE FUTURE PARADIGM. EUROPEAN TRENDS' DRAFT PROGRAMME

:00	WELCOME	<i>Anders Hedenstedt, President of GEODE</i>
	OPENING SESSION	<i>Günther Oettinger Energy Commissioner *</i> <i>Beatriz Sinobas, Energy Adviser, Spanish Permanent Representation *</i>
:45	WHAT COMES AFTER THE THIRD ENERGY PACKAGE.	<i>Heinz Hilbrecht, Director Security of Supply Energy Markets & Networks, DG-ENER, European Commission</i>
:15	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PERSPECTIVE	<i>Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-president of the European Parliament, MEP, Member ITRE</i> <i>Other Members EP</i>
	EREGE PERSPECTIVE	<i>EREGE Representative*</i>
:15	GEODE POSITION PAPER ON E-MOBILITY	<i>Hans Taus, Wien Energie Stromnetz GmbH</i>
:45	LUNCH	
:00	EC ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN	<i>Prijo-Liisa Koskimäki, Head Energy Efficiency Unit, DG-ENER, European Commission *</i>
:30	ROLE OF DISTRIBUTORS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT GEODE Position paper	<i>Christian Held, Deputy President of GEODE</i>
:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS	<i>Anders Hedenstedt, President of GEODE</i>
:30	COFFEE BREAK	
:00	GEODE General Assembly	
:00	DINNER	

●●● Regulation concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply

Last 12th of March the ITRE Committee adopted by unanimity the report of Mr Vidal-Quadras on the security of gas supply regulation that is now expected to be voted by the Plenary of the EP by May. The regulation aims to safeguard security of gas supply and ensure a proper and continuous functioning of the internal gas market. It will provide mechanism to coordinate measures and responses in case of crisis at MSs, regional and Union levels. Each MS will designate a Competent Authority, which will guarantee the implementation of this regulation, complete the document providing clarity over definitions such as "risk assessment", and establish responsibilities of the different actors

customers of each MS on certain sensible situations, such as high gas demand season or extreme temperature periods. The regulation will impose the implementation of a Preventive Action Plan and an Emergency Plan. Both plans should be set upon non-discriminatory and proportionate principles, and they must procure a coordinated respond from MSs. Besides national authorities and stakeholders participations, the Commission will be able to make amendments and the Gas Coordination Groups could be consulted. All MS have are responsible to put in place the infrastructure needed the met demand in case of disruption. TSO shall enable physical capacity to transport gas in both directions on all cross-border interconnections in a three year timeframe. The Commission has the power to declare Union Emergency, and in that case the Gas Coordinator Group can be convened. The plan must be updated every two years.

●●● ERGEG latest publications

- ERGEG public consultation on the draft benchmarking report on medium and long-term electricity transmission capacity allocation rules (2010-03-18)
- ERGEG call for evidence on generation adequacy treatment in electricity (2010-03-03)
- ERGEG call for evidence on incentives schemes for cross-border trade in electricity (2010-02-01)

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●●● E-MOBILITY

The Spanish Presidency of the EU is pushing hard for e-mobility development within the EU. Last February 2010, EU Industry Ministers met to discuss the economic challenges of the European car industry. The Industry Commissioner said that a European strategy on Clean and Energy-Efficient Cars should be developed and implemented, it should set out necessary actions to encourage market introduction of green vehicles, including electric cars.

The Commission communication is expected to be published by the end of May just before the meeting of EU Competitiveness Ministers and an Action Plan will be developed afterwards.

A G E N D A

GEODE Spring Seminar:
Brussels, 11th of May 2010

GEODE Board Meeting:
Vienna, 14th of April 2010

EU Electricity Forum:
Florence, 14th and 15th of June 2010

GEODE Autumn Seminar:
Ljubljana, 22nd of September 2010