



Invitation to follow-up meetings NC TAR implementation in the Netherlands

Dear stakeholder,

In the period April – July, as part of the implementation process of the European network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (NC TAR) in the Netherlands, Gasunie Transport Services (GTS) and the Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) jointly organised four stakeholder sessions. During these meetings, the principal elements and aspirations of NC TAR were explained. Also, GTS and ACM presented, for each implementation choice in NC TAR, possible solutions and discussed these with stakeholders.

During the summer months, GTS and ACM have jointly agreed on a follow-up process for NC TAR implementation. This has resulted in a three-step approach that must enable ACM to publish – for consultation – its draft implementation decision by 1 March 2018.¹ In this letter, each of these steps are explained.

Step 1: drafting implementation proposal by GTS

In the period September – October, three sessions will be organised and chaired by GTS. During the first meeting, ACM will give an explanation of the *process* that should lead to the draft decision by 1 March 2018. The remainder of the first meeting and the second and third meeting are fully dedicated to the development of the GTS implementation proposal. During these meetings, the responsibility to draft this proposal – in close cooperation with stakeholders – rests with GTS. ACM will therefore only participate as an observer.

In the table below, the approach for each session is explained:

Date	Content
15 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tariff structure vs. policy objectives (Brattle)▪ NC TAR implementation in neighbouring countries (DNV GL)▪ Contours of implementation choices (by GTS)
28 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feedback from previous meeting▪ Description of implementation choices with numerical results
13 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feedback from previous meeting▪ Description of implementation choices with numerical results▪ Working up to final GTS implementation proposal

¹ Once the draft implementation decision is published for consultation, stakeholders will be informed about the precise steps that will be followed to ensure that NC TAR is implemented by 31 May 2019.

Step 2: Assessment of implementation proposal by ACM and exploring alternatives

GTS will provide its final proposal on 24 October 2017. This marks the start of the assessment by ACM as preparation for the draft implementation decision. The remainder of the sessions will be organised and chaired by ACM. During the fourth meeting, GTS will present – for information – the implementation proposal that has been sent to ACM. In addition, ACM will present the framework that will be used to assess the GTS implementation proposal. In the period November – December, two more sessions will take place. During the November meeting, ACM will share its assessment of the proposal by GTS. Also, if deemed necessary, alternative options will be presented and discussed with stakeholders. The December meeting will be used to present numeric examples of alternative implementation proposals.

In the table below, the approach for each session is explained:

Date	Content
31 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Explanation of implementation proposal by GTS▪ Introduction to assessment framework of ACM
27 November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Results of assessment by ACM▪ If necessary: explanation of possible alternative proposal(s)
19 December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of one or two implementation options, including numeric examples

Step 3: Writing draft implementation decision by ACM

In the period January – February, ACM will write the draft implementation decision. In the drafting process, the results of step 2 will be taken into account. In its decision, per topic, ACM will motivate why it considers a certain implementation choice to be fitting.

Logistical details

All meetings will start at 11:00 hours. The **first** three sessions will take place at Van der Valk Hotel Schiphol A4 (Rijksweg A4 3, 2132 MA Hoofddorp). The **last** three of the meetings will take place at ACM offices (Muzenstraat 41, 2511 WB Den Haag). For logistical reasons, during all meetings each invitee can be represented by no more than two representatives. If a participant wants to present slides during a meeting, please inform us about this when registering for the meeting.

Each participant can register for the meeting by sending an e-mail to the following e-mail address:

- For the first three meetings: info@gastransport.nl (no later than one week prior to the meeting).
- For the last three meetings: secretariaat.DE@acm.nl (no later than one week prior to the meeting).

If you have any questions, please contact Elisa Kahl from ACM (Elisa.Kahl@acm.nl) or Anne Spijkstra from GTS (A.Spijkstra@gastransport.nl).

Best regards,



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