



Measures for introducing level playing field vis a vis third countries in electricity trade

The background

by protocol decision of December 31st, 2015:

- **Lithuanian National Commission for Energy Control and Prices, recommended to Lithuanian TSO Litgrid AB to initiate discussion with TSOs and regulatory authorities of the Baltic region on preparation of common regional methodology on import-export tariff from/to the 3rd countries.**

on January 29th, 2016

- **The Committee of Senior Officials on Energy of respective ministries of Baltic States, agreed to mandate the Baltic TSOs to analyze the issue of ensuring the level playing field *vis a vis* third countries for electricity trade and to present the findings to the Committee.**

Analysis

Baltic TSOs - have jointly made initial analyses on the question and arrived to the conclusion that **the level playing field vis a vis third countries for electricity trade requires touching a wider scope of concerns**, at least the following issues:

- **the asymmetry of trade with 3rd countries,**
- **unequal treatment of CO2 emissions in EU vs 3rd countries,**
- **the environmental impact of the Belarus (or other 3rd country built) NPP.**

Identified issues. Next steps.

Baltic TSOs also concluded:

- **As long as any of the level playing field vis a vis the 3rd countries issues remains unsolved counteractive measures should be introduced.**
- **that harmonisation of the approaches and trading principles (incl. import – export fees) with 3rd countries on common Baltic/Nordic market area borders with 3rd countries should be considered in a context of the measures to be introduced for level playing field vis a vis the 3rd countries in electricity trade.**

April 15th, 2016 Baltic TSOs have presented joint analysis and findings to BCM.

Further guidelines on the topic by Baltic governmental bodies is awaited.

- **Having policy makers feedback, Baltic TSOs may jointly take the next steps in analyzing possible regulatory, financial and technical actions that may be taken on EU, regional, national and TSO level.**



Thank you for your attention!