

Internet-based Consultation In view of the Revision of TEN-E Guidelines

SUMMARY of CONSULTATION PAPERS

1. INTRODUCTION

The information offered to the public for internet-based consultation in view of the Revision of the TEN-E Guidelines is presented in four documents. The objective of these documents is to set out the basic information on the existing guidelines and their envisaged revision, to assess the consequential impacts in a preliminary fashion, to formulate related questions and to request comments and feedback.

The main analysis is the subject of the document Doc-1 presenting the “Key Issues”, which are summarised hereafter.

2. NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION

The objectives of the TEN-Energy policy are to:

- Enhance the security of energy supplies of the European continent,
- Strengthen the Internal Energy Market of the enlarged European Union,
- Support the modernisation of energy systems in our partner countries,
- And facilitate the realisation of major new energy infrastructure projects.

A new revision of the guidelines is needed to take into account the priorities of **the enlarged European Union**, in particular to fully **integrate the new Member States** in these guidelines and lists of projects.

This section gives the essentials of the need for revising the TEN-E Guidelines and outlines the problems and related issues.

- **Risks inherent in the initial situation**
- **Time-scales**
- **Security of supply**
- **Internal market**
- **Neighbouring countries policy**
- **Sustainable development**

3. TECHNOLOGY DRIVERS

Different technologies options have different consequences regarding the development of energy transmission infrastructure.

4. SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Harmonised safety standards at the ports and related import facilities for both natural gas and crude oil need to be set. The corresponding actions are discussed.

5. FINANCING

An overview is given of the scope of investments needed and also of the means of financial support (see also Maps and Table in Doc-4)

6. REVISION OF THE TEN-GUIDELINES

The guidelines for TEN-E is the piece of EU legislation which identifies the actions regarding energy transmission infrastructures.

The current TEN-energy policy is outlined and the basis on the main action lines given (see also Doc-2 and Doc-3).

7. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

On a preliminary basis, the likely positive and negative impacts of the selected options, particularly in terms of economic, social and environmental consequences are addressed. The scope of impacts to be considered comprise:

- **Environmental Impact**
- **Social and Economic Impact**
- **Relation between Energy Infrastructure and Employment**
- **Expected Impacts**
- **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the improvement of the energy networks is essential for achieving economic growth in the knowledge-based economy, while improving the protection of the environment. For this objective a well-balanced co-ordinated approach appears best suited.

8. QUESTIONS

In order to further analyse the impacts implied by the new Revision of the TEN Energy Guidelines in more depth, a number of open questions that have arisen are put through public consultation. Consequently, a **table of questions** is compiled (in Doc-1) constituting a second type of consequences emerging from this analysis.

Feedback

The Commission services therefore give all stakeholders and interested parties the opportunity to communicate in writing their positions and concerns related to the TEN-E revision before 15th September 2003 to the specified address (including e-mail).

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LIST of CONSULTATION PAPERS

- Doc-1: Internet-based Consultation In view of the Revision of TEN-E Guidelines: Key Issues
- Doc-2: Overview of the Guidelines in Force for Trans-European Energy Networks (TEN-E)
- Doc-3: Priority Axes and TEN-E Projects
Priority Axes as decided in the recently adopted TEN-E Guidelines with extensions and additions as envisaged in the Revision of these Guidelines
- Doc-4: Maps and Table
 - Maps displaying TEN-Energy Priority Axes
 - Map 1: Electricity Priority Axes in the European Union and in Neighbouring Countries
 - Map 2: Gas Priority Axes in the European Union and in Neighbouring Countries
 - Map 3: Oil Priority Axes in the European Union and in Neighbouring Countries
 - Table: Envisaged investment along the Priority Axes of TEN-Energy for the period up to 2013