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European Intraday Market Expands 30-Minute Gate Closure Implementation to Additional Border

European Transmission System Operators (TSOs) have successfully implemented, as of yesterday, the transition of the German-Dutch bidding zone border from a 60-Minute to a 30-Minute Intraday Cross-Zonal Gate Closure Time (IDCZGCT). Delivered with the special support of Amprion, TenneT Germany and TenneT Netherlands, this milestone forms part of the ongoing pan-European harmonization of intraday market processes and supports the objectives of the Electricity Market Design Reform.

Supporting Flexibility in the Electricity Market

Trading closer to delivery enables market participants to better align their positions with actual generation conditions. This potentially facilitates the integration of renewable energy sources, supports more efficient grid operation, and contributes to improved system balancing across Europe.

To deliver these benefits, TSOs are placing particular emphasis on the transition to the 30-Minute IDCZGCT framework. This transformative implementation requires significant adaptations to operational processes and control room systems to accommodate the shorter timeframe between the new IDCZGCT and the real time. The ongoing successful rollout is underpinned by close cooperation among TSOs across Europe to manage the associated operational complexities and ensure a coordinated transition across European bidding zone borders.

Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation and Future Outlook

In addition to operational efforts, the ongoing rollout follows extensive coordinated reviews and adaptions of market, and technical arrangements across the electricity sector, involving National Regulatory Authorities, Nominated Electricity Market Operators, and market participants.

As of today, 16 European bidding zone borders have successfully transitioned to and are operating under the 30-Minute IDCZGCT framework. By mid-2031, following the end of the last derogation period allowed under EU regulation, all European bidding zone borders are expected to operate with a 30-Minute gate closure time. This step-by-step rollout reflects the commitment of European TSOs, both those already operating under the new framework and those preparing for future implementation as part of the pan-European roadmap.

Further Information on the 30-Minute IDCZGCT Implementation

For further information, please visit this section of the ENTSO-E website, where TSOs provide regular updates on upcoming go-lives, current derogation plans, and all relevant information related to this development.