

Febeliec response to Fluxys Market Consultation 47 : New Standard Connection Agreement – Local Producer

Febeliec thanks Fluxys for the opportunity to react to the proposed new SCA for local producers. Febeliec understands the importance of this issue, as in the framework of the energy transition towards climate neutrality, the substitution of natural gas by other, non-fossil gases might gradually gain in importance.

Concerning the proposed documents and procedures, Febeliec has no specific comments as they are relatively similar to the connection agreement for new gas consumers. Febeliec would, however, like to formulate the following comments:

- Febeliec and its members are highly concerned by the potential impact of the injection of biomethane in the Fluxys grid (and more in general any grid) on gas consumers downstream of the injection point. Though Fluxys requires local producers to respect the official gas specifications, the spread of these official specs are generally much wider than the customary specs applicable in the Fluxys grid. Moreover, rapid and unexpected fluctuations in the gas quality can have a very disturbing impact on industrial processes. Febeliec therefore urges Fluxys to maximise its efforts to stabilize the gas quality in the entire Fluxys grid, and to thoroughly consult downstream consumers every time a new local producer requests a connection to its grid.
- It is not clear at this stage what the impact of the introduction of local biomethane producers will be on the overall cost of the transmission grid and on the specific tariffs applied to Fluxys grid users and the new local producers. Febeliec therefore strongly invites Fluxys to provide more transparency on the to be proposed tariffs (connection, compression, injection) for local producers and on the impact on grid cost and consumers tariffs.

Kind regards,

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