

## Market Consultation 57: Changes in the regulatory documents for transmission – Febeliec reaction

- Febeliec takes note of the proposed lowering of the minimum Wobbe index as from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 on some (V)IPs and understands its motivation. Febeliec invites Fluxys Belgium to clearly notify end users of this change at least 4 weeks ahead of the application date. Febeliec also invites Fluxys Belgium to closely monitor the evolution of the Wobbe index in the Belgian grid and to publish a report on this evolution one year after its implementation.
- Febeliec welcomes the proposed merger of the BeLux market area and the Interconnector, as it reduces complexity and eases access to the BeLux gas market. Febeliec invites Fluxys Belgium to
  - organize an information campaign for end users on the new market modalities after the approval of the proposed changes, not the least on the announced organization of a re-allocation window in September 2022;
  - minimize the administrative and financial impact of the changes for existing (and future) contracts;
  - consult on the proposed new tariffs for the concerned services prior to their introduction.

Kind regards,

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