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***Coreso, a successful industrial cooperation
for a better European security of electricity supply***

Coreso is the technical coordination service centre shared by the three European Transmission System Operators (TSOs), french (RTE), belgian (Elia) and British (National-Grid), based in Bruxelles. Operational since February 2009, its mission is to increase the European security of electricity supply, providing member TSOs with security analysis for the day ahead and round the clock.

After more than one year of operations, Coreso has proved a high reliability and expertise. Its added value to prevent major incidents has been confirmed.

Coreso significantly increased operational coordination between TSOs in the Central Western European (CWE) region in answer to new developments. Power flows become more and more variable due to the development of renewable energy, which is intermittent by nature, and the growth of cross-border exchanges in the European electricity market.

On three occasions, Coreso detected constraints that could only be identified by a wide view beyond the national boundaries of the grids of each country. If these situations had not been corrected, a critical fault could have eventually led to a major power cut. Coreso's view of the grid is complementary to the view of each individual TSO.

In 2009, Coreso developed an indicator to monitor the level of stress of the CWE grid. It observed that the CWE grid has been "highly stressed" 1% of the time and has needed increased coordination to prevent any major incident.

For more than 10% of the days in 2009, Coreso's expertise offered coordinated remedial actions that were technically more efficient and less costly than the actions foreseen by individual TSOs. Each coordinated remedial action proposed by Coreso has been validated and implemented by the TSOs if needed.

Since the start of its operational activities on 16th February 2009, Coreso has been supplying the control centres of the participating TSOs with forecasts about the security of the grid in North Western Europe, by performing security analyses, simulating various scenarios and proposing sets of coordinated remedial actions that TSOs can take to ensure the security of the electrical system in the area. This service for the next day has shown an availability rate of 100%.

Since 29th June 2009, Coreso has provided TSOs with permanent network security analyses and monitoring of the CWE grid on a continuous basis (every 15 minutes, 24/7). This round the clock service has shown an availability rate of more than 99%.

Elia, RTE and National Grid are further looking forward to close cooperation with other European TSOs. Several TSOs have already indicated their interest.

The Coreso operational team works in shifts around the clock, and is composed of 14 people of several nationalities speaking Dutch, English, French and German.

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