Energy Developments in South East Europe

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Track 1: Transmission Enhancements in the 21st Century

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Energy Development and Power Generation Committee, welcome to this Panel Session on Energy Developments in South East Europe (SEE).

The SEE energy market consists of the countries of: Albania, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, FYROM, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Kosovo. In this coalition, important role-players are the countries of: Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria and other countries of Central East Europe (CEE).

The SEE energy market is growing fast where in the last 10 years it has gained significant importance. This is due mainly to the: transportation of fuels from Middle East and Russia to Central Europe, synchronization and coordination with the UCTE network, lucrative opportunities for investment in the development of energy projects, political stabilization in the area, strong economic growth of the area, inclusion of several countries of SEE in the EU and political decision of governments to act as an energy hub. Heavy investment is taking place from the largest European companies in both fields of energy and electricity. Infrastructure projects for gas, oil and electricity are studied and developed in all the above-mentioned countries and across them. New developments and repowering is taking place both in the conventional and renewable fields of technology.

In this session, we have invited authors from both academia and industry to present their professional and scientific advance through theory and case studies. We will focus on energy projects studied and developed in SEE and closely related countries, their role in energy market development, their influence from the current and planned regulation and the issues of expansion and operation modeling of this market.

PANELISTS

The Panelists and Titles of their Presentations are (in format of name of Authors and Title of the Paper):

2. Massimo La Scala (Politecnico di Bari, Bari, Italy) and George Gross (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA). Modeling and Simulation of the Interconnected SEE and Italy Electricity Markets (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1029).
6. Niko A. Iliadis (EnerCoRD, Greece) and P. Biskas (Desmie (Hellenic Transmission Operator, Greece)). Trading Opportunities in SEE (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM0948).
8. Invited Discussers

Each Panelist will speak for approximately 20
minutes. Each presentation will be discussed immediately following the respective presentation. There will be a further opportunity for discussion of the presentations following the final presentation.

The Panel Session has been organized by Tom Hammons (Chair of International Practices for Energy Development and Power Generation IEEE, University of Glasgow, UK) and Niko A Iliadis (EnerCoRD, Athens, Greece).

Tom Hammons and Niko A Iliadis will moderate the Panel Session.

**INVITED DISCUSSIONS**

**Achieving Adequacy in South East Europe**

Jorge Karacsonyi (Mercados EMI, USA).

Reliability of supply, both in respect to adequacy and security, is presently one of the main issues in all electricity markets around the world. In particular, there are concerns about the ability of the electricity markets to attract enough investment to ensure the system's adequacy. This issue is relevant in the South East European countries, where presently the levels of capacity reserves are low and substantially below the margins in the European Union. The country strategies to address this issue vary; for instance, from Albania that has been trying to obtain an appropriate level of supply through imports from neighboring countries, to Turkey that recently passed a wide package of measures that encompass suppliers’ obligations to contract, a capacity market, and last resort actions by the government and the system operator.

This discussion analyses the present state of adequacy in the SEE countries and the ongoing strategies to address this issue, comparing them with similar actions in other parts of the world, particularly the EU, Latin America and the USA. Finally some measures are proposed, oriented to a common approach for achieving an appropriate level of adequacy, based on a higher level of integration.

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