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Transparency improvement in the French electricity market: RTE and UFE to publish new data on French power generation

Following the European Commission's recent publication of the REMIT Regulation on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency, UFE and RTE are further enhancing the provision of data on French power generation, marking another new step towards greater transparency in the French electricity market. From today, market players will be able to access two new categories of data on RTE's Customer Website¹: actual generation by units rated over 100 MW published within the hour, and day-ahead generation forecasts for the UFE fleet.

UFE and RTE began publishing information on French electricity generation back in 2006, as part of a voluntary and pro-active initiative. It already covers the vast majority of indicators required in the European guidelines issued by ERGEG, the European Regulators' Group for Electricity and Gas. The initiative gives market participants free access to indicators on the installed capacity of the reference fleet and its development, data on scheduled availability of units and unscheduled outages, figures for actual generation and details of water stocks for hydro-electricity. Currently, the coverage rate is one of the widest in Europe with 106 GW, equivalent to 86% of France's total generating fleet, and 95% of the generating fleet connected to the transmission grid, taking into account installations of 20 MW and over.

Now, in a further step towards improved transparency and high-frequency of information, two new sets of data are to be published.

From today, **actual figures for generation will now be published individually for each generation unit in the UFE reference fleet with a capacity of over 100 MW. The information will be published on RTE's Customer Website¹, within the hour.**

In addition, to ensure greater very short-term visibility of generation, **UFE's generators will be publishing, with a 30-minute timeframe, day-ahead (D-1) generation forecasts, with aggregate figure for programmable and non-programmable generation.**

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The Union Française de l'Électricité / French Electricity Industry Association (UFE) is the trade association for the electricity sector. It represents the interests of its members, generators, system operators and electricity suppliers in the social, economic and industrial domains. The UFE includes, either directly or indirectly, more than 500 companies who employ over 150,000 employees across France, representing an annual turnover above 40 billion euros.

RTE is the French electricity transmission system operator. It is a public service company responsible for operating, maintaining and developing the high and extra high voltage network. It guarantees the safety and proper operation of the power network.

RTE transports electricity between electricity suppliers (French and European) and consumers, whether they are electricity distributors (ERDF and the local distribution companies) or industrial consumers directly connected to the transmission system.

With 100,000 km of lines between 63,000 and 400,000 volts and 46 cross-border lines, the network operated by RTE is the biggest in Europe. In 2010, RTE posted turnover of €4,396m and currently employs 8,500 staff.

