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## RTE and the UFE publish new data, aiming at Increased transparency in the French electricity market

The UFE and RTE today presented the outcomes of their joint commitment to promote transparency across the electricity market in France. Within this context, they unveiled their four primary innovative initiatives for the year 2011, two of which shall be accessible as of today, on the Customers Section of the RTE website<sup>1</sup>. In completing a series of major developments related to a process initiated in 2006, the UFE and RTE have thereby continued to pursue their shared commitment to publish market data for the benefit of all market participants.

With effect from today (January 25, 2011), the wind power generation forecast for the day ahead is being made available on a daily basis to all market players. Furthermore, the data Dashboard, which makes it possible to review on a single screen all the key information pertaining to the French power system, has been further enhanced with comprehensive information relating to power generation, provided by the UFE, and established for future terms ranging from the day ahead to the entire year ahead.

These novel features, which are aimed at responding to the identified needs of market participants, will culminate by the end of 2011 in the publication of customised data relating to actual generation, within one hour, with respect to generating units over 100 MW, as well as the publication of generation forecasts for the French fleet.

Already in June 2010, UFE member generators had publicly released, on the Customers Section of the RTE website, the availability forecasts for each generation unit over 100 MW, over periods ranging from one week to three months.

Moreover in July 2010, RTE released the initial version of the data Dashboard, integrating together on one single page all of the fundamental market related data.

Finally, in December 2010, the UFE also capped off the publication of generation data with an undertaking to communicate through the RTE website Customers Section, within a period of 30 minutes after any unplanned total outage of a generating unit over 100 MW occurs.

*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 company responsible for managing the French electricity transmission network. It is a public service operator, tasked with the mission of ensuring the operation, maintenance and development of the high and extra high voltage network. RTE guarantees the proper functioning and the safety and security of the electricity system. RTE transports electricity between power suppliers (French and European) and consumers, whether they be electricity distributors (ERDF and local distribution companies) or industrial consumers directly connected to the transmission network. 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 largest in Europe. RTE posted turnover of €4,130 million in 2009 and employs approximately 8,500 employees.*

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