

36 EU CEOs sign on for new TSO body

CEOs from 36 European electricity transmission operators from 31 countries have signed a declaration of intent to set up a new Transmission System Operator body by end-2008, trade organisation European Transmission System Operators has announced. The new body would be “a proactive step ahead” of the European Commission’s draft third package of EU energy market opening laws which propose setting up a formal European Network of TSOs for electricity, Etso says. The aim is for this new formal body to strengthen TSO cooperation in areas such as developing technical network codes, coordinating operating systems and developing networks. “Binding TSO membership in [the new formal body], as proposed by the Commission, is one key to success for the new body and will accelerate the development of common codes contributing to reliable and efficient pan-European and regional electricity markets,” says Etso. The new formal body will work “with a clear mandate” in line with market expectations and in consultation with national energy regulators at EU-level and the commission, according to Etso. “This new environment will enable TSOs to focus on transparent objectives and to speak with ‘one TSO voice’ on the issues concerning the [EU] internal electricity market,” says Etso.

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