Meeting of ENER.C.3 with
Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft e.V. (BDEW)
(the DE organisation of the energy and the water sector)
on 18 November 2022 (virtual meeting)

1. Context of the meeting and list of points discussed

BDEW asked for this meeting following the announcement of President von der Leyen that the Commission will prepare proposals for a new electricity market design. ENER asked about ongoing discussions in DE as regards national reforms.

2. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions and next steps

BDEW representatives reported that its members were startled by President von der Leyen’s “fait accompli” of declaring the current market design outdated. They enquired about the envisaged timeline and contents of the planned reform.

BDEW representatives argued that 2-way-CfDs could reduce liquidity in the market and that storage solutions and demand side flexibility, both needed for the energy transition, benefit from price volatility.

ENER.C3 explained that the Commission has no interest to replace private by public investments and that it supports private Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), but that capacities which benefit from public funding should later on not make excess profits.

Both sides agreed that future crises will most likely have other characteristics than the current one and most likely have lack of backup capacities for variable renewables as reason.

As regards the timeline of the planned initiative ENER.C3 confirmed that a consultation will be started in December with a deadline in mid January. As regards content, ENER.C3 referred to the May Communication and the input document to the recent Energy Council which already provides some indication as regards possible options. Given the tight timeline the initiative will be focused on key aspects based on learnings from the current crisis.

3. List of participants

BDEW:

ENER: