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Place: Brussels

Participants: Commissioner Arias Cañete, Ms Cristina Lobillo Borrero, Mr Joachim Balke and representatives of EURELECTRIC AISBL

SUBJECT: Electricity Market Design

EURELECTRIC AISBL :

- Plummeting of wholesale prices over last years has gathered almost entire industry behind need to introduce capacity element in remuneration for producers.
- Need to bring back genuine energy policy considerations into reshaping of energy markets.
- Need for proper governance concerning TSOs to avoid conflict of interest between their role as rule-maker and their role as players with economic interests. Same principles should be respected for DSOs if they are given formal role in future process.
- On energy poverty, stressed primary role of social policy in addressing related issues (if need be tax financed)

Commissioner replied by :

- Stressing high level of agreement of all stakeholders on level of principle.
- But also stressed need to move discussion from abstract to concrete over coming months to translate principles into concrete legislation.