

TECHNICAL SHEET

CRITERIA FOR GRANTING EXEMPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENTS ENVISAGED BY THE EUROPEAN REGULATIONS RfG - *REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATORS*, DCC - *DEMAND CONNECTION CODE* AND HVDC - *HIGH-VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT* ON CONNECTIONS TO ELECTRICITY GRIDS 273/2017/R/eel (*)

With Resolution 273/2017/R/eel the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity Gas and Water defines the *criteria for analysing the requests for exemption* from the requirements provided for under regulations RfG - *Requirements for Generators*, DCC - *Demand Connection Code* and HVDC - *High-Voltage Direct Current*, and for their possible granting.

The measure confirms and complements the provisions set out in the consultation document 68/2017/R/eel on the *criteria* for the analysis of the requests for exemption and refers to the provisions already contained in the RfG, DCC and HVDC regulations concerning *procedural* provisions for requests for exemption.

More specifically, resolution 273/2017/R/eel establishes that:

1. For the purpose of *analysing the requests for exemption*:
 - a) *the operator* to whose grid the plants and/or systems are or will be connected for which the exemption is requested, including the neighbouring network operators (including the TSO), *assesses the impact of the possible exemption on the security and quality of service* relating to the electricity grid to which the plants and/or systems are or will be connected and for which the exemption has been requested, also taking into account any risks associated with the security of industrial production, particularly with reference to industrial plants at risk of major accident;
 - b) *the TSO assesses* - in conjunction with the provisions of subparagraph a) or following the assessments, if positive, as referred to in subparagraph a) for a grid operator other than the TSO - *the impact of any exemption on the security of the national electricity system and on cross-border exchanges*;
 - c) *the Regulatory Authority*, taking into account the TSO/DSO's contributions, *assesses the costs-benefits analysis* submitted by the applicant, in compliance with the provisions of the RfG, DCC and HVDC regulations;
 - d) *the Regulatory Authority*, taking into account the TSO/DSO's contributions, *assesses the activities that the applicant intends to implement to overcome the need for exemption, the necessary timing and related costs, as well as any further actions that could be undertaken to mitigate possible critical issues resulting from the exemption.*
2. For the Regulatory Authority to *grant the exemption*, the following needs have to be proven:
 - a) that there are no security risks for the *national electricity system*;
 - b) that there are no security risks for the *electrical grid to which the plants and/or systems are or will be connected* and for which the exemption has been requested and there is negligible impact on the quality of service, nor are there critical issues for *industrial plants at risk of major accident*;
 - c) that there are no security risks for *cross-border exchanges*;
 - d) that the cost-benefits analysis highlights that the requirements provided for by the regulations, if applied, *cost more than the benefits*;
 - e) that the applicant can *prove that it is implementing all means available to them* in order to overcome the need for an exemption and to mitigate any critical issues (provided that the latter are deemed acceptable under the preceding subparagraphs).
3. *Exemptions are not allowed if previously requested, formulated on a national level and in a comparative context, for which there was already a negative outcome.*

Resolution 273/2017/R/eel provides for the possibility to further integrate the criteria for granting exemptions, including with more punctual elements, following the full implementation of the European regulations.

Following approval, the criteria for granting exemptions, as provided for in the RfG, DCC and HVDC regulations, shall be published on the Regulatory Authorities' website and communicated to the European Commission.

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