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EASEE-gas

European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange - gas

Explanatory Notes CBP 2018-001/01

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**Subject: Explanatory notes accompanying CBP 2018-001/01
"Harmonised Gas Role Model - Business Process
perspective".**

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Summary

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34 *The European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas or EASEE-gas*
35 *was created by six founding members in Paris on March 14th, 2002. EASEE-gas' aim is to*
36 *support the creation of an efficient and effective European gas market through the*
37 *development and promotion of common business practices (CBPs) that intend to simplify*
38 *and streamline business processes between the stakeholders.*

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40 *The formation of EASEE-gas was prompted by the success of the Gas Industry Standards*
41 *Board in the United States and has been modelled on it. The GISB has now evolved into*
42 *the North American Energy Standards Board. The creation of EASEE-gas is a project that*
43 *is fully supported by the European Commission and by the European Regulators through*
44 *the so-called Madrid Forum. It was achieved through the work of a dedicated Task Force*
45 *supported by EFET, Eurogas, Eurelectric, GEODE, GTE, OGP and the Edigas group.*

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47 *The association is fundamentally based on company membership and voluntary*
48 *contribution towards the development of common business practices.*

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50 *Full membership in EASEE-gas is open to all companies, European or other, that are*
51 *involved in the European gas business, from producers to end users, and to companies*
52 *that are their service providers. Companies can subscribe to full membership in one or*
53 *more of the eight gas industry segments.*

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55 *Associate membership in EASEE-gas is open to government agencies, e.g., regulators,*
56 *through to organisations such as gas business trade associations and to individuals that*
57 *may contribute to the benefit of EASEE-gas. Associate members do not pay annual fees,*
58 *nor do they have voting rights.*

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60 *The development of common business practices within EASEE-gas is organised through*
61 *working groups under the supervision of an executive committee that is representative*
62 *of the various gas industry segments. Participation in the working groups is limited to*
63 *members only.*

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65 1. APPLICATION AREA

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67 The Role Model has been developed to represent actions between different
68 market participants in the gas industry. The main focus of the document is on
69 information exchange between market participants (excluding legal matters).
70 The aim of the document, however, is to provide a common terminology for the
71 roles that are used among most European countries.

72 The Model is only applicable for the Gas Market and not for other Energy
73 segments. It has been developed by EASEE-gas with input from other
74 associations.

- 75 • Focus has been set on generic roles and not on local and national
76 particularities.
- 77 • In the current version of this document, the number of roles has been
78 restricted in order to ensure a good understanding for the readers.
- 79 • Edigas version 6 and subsequent versions containing the Message
80 Implementation Guidelines are going to use the roles and interactions
81 defined in the role model.
- 82 • Existing and future EASEE-gas CBPs will be aligned with the role model.

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85 2. HOW THE ROLE MODEL WAS DEVELOPED

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87 Roles were selected based on the existing descriptions of business processes in
88 the gas market (ENTSOG BRS; EASEE-gas CBP and MIG as well as Task Force
89 participant input). European regulations and common aspects of national
90 regulations were also considered.

91 For the identified roles, interactions were selected based on their need for
92 common communication with other roles. Legal aspects (e.g. contractual
93 relations) were not taken into account.

94 A concrete example is the relation between a Network User and a Shipper: Such
95 roles are important within the gas market. However in many instances there is
96 an overlap between them. In order to eliminate such confusion it was decided to
97 employ the terms Balance Responsible Party and Capacity Responsible Party in
98 their place.

99 LNG / Storage / Production plants: The model stops at the level of LNG Operator
100 / Storage Operator / Production Facility Operator and will not go behind this. If it
101 appears necessary, detailing activities beyond these points should be kept for a
102 future version of the role model.

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106 **3. EXPLANATION OF ROLES AND PARTIES**

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108 Roles describe external business interactions with other roles in relation to the
109 goal of a given business transaction. A party on the market may play several
110 roles, for example a System Operator may play both the role of Area Coordinator
111 and the role of TSO. However two different roles have been defined since these
112 roles are not always played by the same party.

113 The different roles and interactions have been identified within the current
114 business process at a certain moment of time. Any evolution or change in these
115 processes could lead to an update of the Role Model.

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118 **4. HOW TO READ THE ROLE MODEL, HOW IS IT STRUCTURED**

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120 The overall diagram in the CBP document provides an overview of all roles and,
121 in order to facilitate readability, only some of the major interactions between
122 them. The diagram should help to provide a general overview of the role model.
123 For more detailed information, specific diagrams are provided that represent a
124 view of each business process and the roles involved.

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127 **5. CHANGE AND RELEASE MANAGEMENT**

128 Comments can be given anytime to EASEE-gas directly, email [easee-](mailto:easee-gas@kellencompany.com)
129 [gas@kellencompany.com](mailto:easee-gas@kellencompany.com). In the CBP section of the EASEE-gas website there is a
130 link to the excel template for comments. EASEE-gas will collect the input and
131 review it on regular basis. Depending on the numbers of comments, a new
132 version will be initiated. A document change log is given in the end of the role
133 model document.

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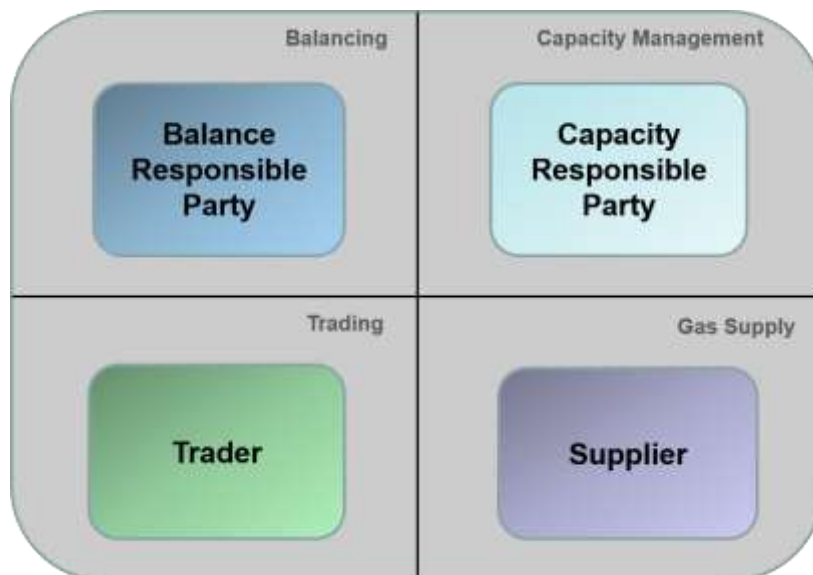
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6. WHERE TO FIND FORMER "SHIPPER" / "NETWORK USER" IN THE ROLE MODEL

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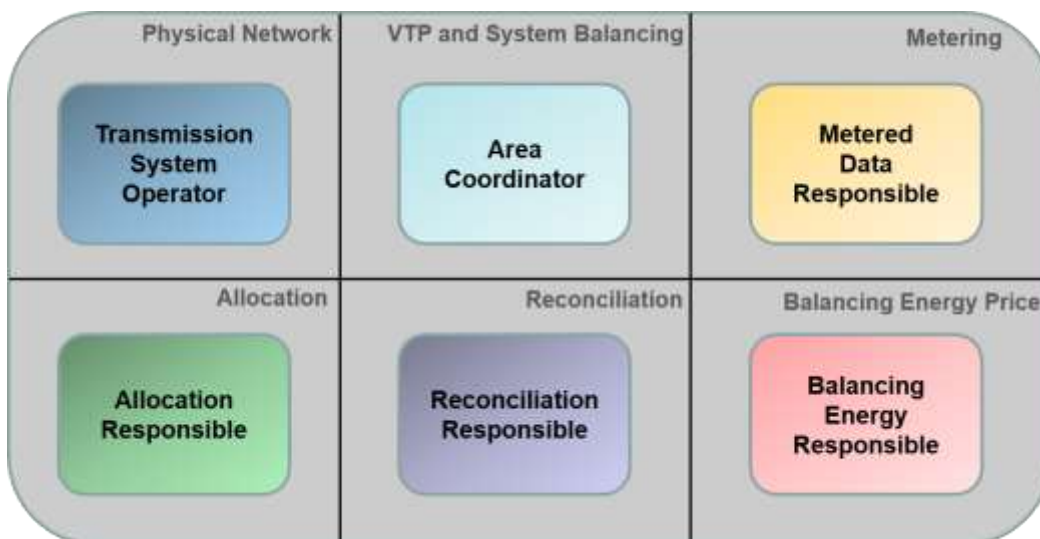
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7. WHERE TO FIND FORMER "TSO" IN THE ROLE MODEL

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