

April, 2006

Memorandum of Understanding
between
European forum for energy Business Information eXchange – ebIX
and
Union of the Electricity Industry – EURELECTRIC

Whereas

The **European forum for energy Business Information eXchange – ebIX**, hereafter called ebIX, and **Union of the Electricity Industry – EURELECTRIC**, hereafter called EURELECTRIC, have expressed the will to optimise their cooperation regarding data exchange for liberalised markets;

ebIX focuses on the harmonisation of data interchange between different functions of the liberalised market;

ebIX' Membership, directing bodies, expertise structure and activities cover a number of European states; its representativeness of the European electricity industry has to be further developed;

ebIX pursues its goal by creating detailed process descriptions in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) suitable for implementation in energy data management software. The primary focus is on those processes that involve data related to end-users involving usually more than one type of market participant. ebIX deals with business or administrative data, not with technical data needed for system operation;

EURELECTRIC is the association representing the common interests of the European electricity industry and concentrates on strategic expertise, developing energy policy at the political level and on representation in public affairs;

EURELECTRIC's Membership, directing bodies, expertise structure and activities are such that EURELECTRIC is fully representative of the European electricity industry;

EURELECTRIC addresses the relevant customer and data exchange issues as far as they have an impact on the overall development of liberalised electricity. EURELECTRIC focuses on establishing a business model across the EU, which also includes certain key features of data exchange processes, especially for the customer switching process. In that sense, EURELECTRIC discusses strategically how the market models should be or should develop over time, including key features of the process descriptions;

The cooperation between ebIX and EURELECTRIC will help to support the common goal of EURELECTRIC and ebIX to supply harmonised process descriptions to the European internal energy market.

It is agreed that:

1. ebIX and EURELECTRIC will cooperate based on an allocation of competencies and responsibilities whereby EURELECTRIC will work on the development of a business model for central processes in a liberalised market and ebIX will carry out the technical support work based on the business model provided by EURELECTRIC.

2. ebIX and EURELECTRIC will identify through regular contacts the initiatives to be taken to realise the aforementioned cooperation. The first issue of cooperation will focus on customer switching processes.
3. ebIX and EURELECTRIC representatives will meet as appropriate and will also inform each other about important work progress in the areas of mutual interest.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding is of indeterminate duration. The parties will evaluate their cooperation on a regular basis, and not longer than every two years decide if the Memorandum of Understanding should be amended. The Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated by either of the parties after six months notice has been given.

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