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Subject: EFET¹ letter regarding the postponement of the gas balancing framework reform

In this letter, EFET would like to address the recent decision of E-Control to delay the implementation of the new balancing framework in Austria onto 1 April 2022. As you explained this is a fairly long delay of 6 months for the implementation, but we appreciate the explanation that thus no further delays will occur. We see this as an unfortunate development, particularly taking into account the time already spent on preparing the new regime, although we do recognize the complications stemming from the COVID emergency.

Since the decision has already been taken, we would like to ask E-Control to provide as many details about the envisaged implementation timeline for the balancing framework implementation. Transparency in this respect will allow market participants to properly adapt. We would also like to reiterate that a testing period needs to remain an indispensable part of such a roadmap. We remain at your disposal should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Kind Regards,
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