

Electrabel held the third auction of electricity

Electrabel held the third auction of 255 MW of electricity on 26 May, 2004 (170 MW of base load VPPs and 85 MW of peak load VPPs).

In order to guarantee the anonymity and confidentiality of the bidders, Electrabel selected the European Energy Derivatives Exchange nv (Endex) to perform some services. Electrabel appointed IBM Business Consulting Services as advisor and as Auction Administrator.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP acted as Trustee and reports to the CREG on the conduct of the auction.

The auction was set up as a multi-round ascending clock auction, which simultaneously offered 20 products arranged in two groups (base load and peak load). Products with different durations and start dates were available in each group, giving bidders a considerable freedom in choosing the mix of products that best suited their needs.

The auction was completed in 7 rounds. 15 bidders took part in this auction. 9 of them have been successful and have bought one or several products. In total, 240 MW or 94 % of the capacity offered to the market was sold.

This auction represents once again a significant contribution to the liberalisation process in Belgium. By ensuring that competitors have access to sourcing opportunities in Belgium while guaranteeing the highest degree of confidentiality and anonymity in the allocation process, Electrabel has shown its willingness to support the further development of competition in Belgium. The success of this supports Electrabel in continuing to organize quarterly auctions, and Electrabel is strongly encouraging all parties that have not participated in these first auctions to sign up for the future auctions.

For more details on the auction please consult www.endex.nl/vpp

Electrabel, a European provider of comprehensive and tailor-made energy solutions

Electrabel is one of Europe's frontrunners in the energy sector and leader on the Benelux market. It responds to the opportunities presented by the deregulation of the electricity and natural gas market by developing its offer of energy products and services throughout Europe. In doing so it is able to combine high quality with close support for each customer, drawing on a network of commercial subsidiaries and partnerships with local operators. Electrabel intends to double its 1999 electricity sales volumes by 2004.

In Europe the company manages a diversified range of generating facilities totaling more than 28,500 MW, and is active in trading on all the energy markets. Furthermore in Belgium it manages electricity and natural gas distribution networks, on behalf of distribution system operators.

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