

## EPEX SPOT INFO

10 March 2015

### Solar Eclipse on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear Member,

**You will find below the translation in English of the communication sent on 10th of March 2015 by the German TSOs to market participants. The original text in German is to be found attached. This translation is for information purposes only. EPEX SPOT can by no means be held liable for its content.**

“On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, a partial solar eclipse will block direct sunlight over Germany between 09:30 and 12:00. Depending on the weather on that day, the solar eclipse could cause large fluctuations in solar production which will have to be compensated by the parties marketing the solar production.

The German transmission system operators have been preparing for this exceptional event in order to take the necessary measures to maintain the security and stability of the power supply system. In this context, 50Hertz, Amprion, TenneT and TransnetBW would like to alert market participants on the possible impacts of the solar eclipse. Due to the installed 39 GW<sub>peak</sub> solar PV capacity in Germany, clear sky conditions could lead to a drop in generation of up to 18 GW/h. Depending on the meteorological conditions on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, there could be a higher activity on the 15-min. continuous and auction markets of the exchange. The four transmission system operators will strive to close their open positions at an early stage by using the 15-min. products in order to minimize risks and high imbalances in the system. Therefore, market participants are invited to make sure that there is enough liquidity on these markets on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015.”

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Customer Care team.

Yours faithfully,

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