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Dear Nicole

## Comments on service provider specifications

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft functional and non-functional specifications for the Clearing Manager, Pricing Manager and Information System service provider contracts published on the EC web on 18 August 2006.
2. Some members of MEUG are Market Participants and may provide more detailed comments on the specifications. MEUG is not a Market Participant; however we are very interested in facilitating access to information to promote competition and innovation. Therefore the comments that follow focus on paragraph 18.1 of the Information System non-functional specification. MEUG agrees with the specification set out in paragraph 18.1 and in addition suggest:
  - a) Current gaps in free-to-public information be identified and closed, eg currently final prices for 11 GXP are available on COMITfree on a rolling 2 week basis. Early the following month final prices are published for the preceding month. However any consumer looking on the web for prices towards the end of a month will have a gap between the rolling fortnightly data and the last complete set of final monthly prices. MEUG suggest all final prices at all GXP should be free-to-public.
  - b) Free-to-public information be made available in easily downloadable formats and the most commonly used historic data be archived and available.
  - c) The Information System Provider discuss with non-Market Participants how key data should be presented as information, eg what key graphs etc would be of most use to the public, rather than leave it to the Provider discretion to decide. It might also be useful for the Provider to survey non-Market Participants to assess the value of the free-to-public information, similar to the requirement in paragraph 14.6 for the Provider to survey Participants satisfaction with service provision.
3. Please call me on (04) 494 0996 for any further information.

Yours sincerely

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