

POST_Exc_04a: Further information on the Partial Decoupling 26

POST_Exc_04b: Further information on the Full Decoupling 27



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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

This procedure aims to describe the principles, the content and the parties involved in the joint PCR messages that need to be sent by the PCR Coordinator in order to provide an official communication during some particular market situations or technical incidents.

1.2. Governed / Regulated by

- PCR Co-operation Agreement

2. Procedure

2.1. General overview

The PCR internal and external communications are always sent by the PCR Coordinator to all the PXs.

If the PCR Coordinator encounters communication issues preventing him from sending the messages on time, the Backup Coordinator takes this responsibility, according to procedure PCR_OPE_01.

Note: All the timings mentioned in this procedure are expressed as CET timings.

2.1.1. Communication principles

Formal written communication within PCR is based on two general types of email messages, as described below:

➤ **Internal Communication messages (InC):**

An internal message defines the communication flow from the PCR Coordinator towards the predefined contacts of the distribution list of the PXs and Systems Providers (in case of technical issues).



➤ **External Communication messages [ExC]:**

An external message defines the communication flow from the PCR Coordinator towards the predefined contacts of the distribution list of the PXs.

PXs may adapt and forward all these external messages to their Market Participants, TSOs, CCPs or other relevant stakeholders.

Remark: Both types of communications will be sent to all parties of the PCR distribution list at the same time. For transparency and follow-up purposes, the official addresses listed in the Annex to this procedure will be written in the “to” field of the Outlook email.

ExC_06	Delay in Market Coupling Results publication due to curtailment at max price detected in Lithuania, Finland or Sweden		PCR_BUP_05 PCR_EXC_03
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Note: PD = Partial Decoupling, FD = Full Decoupling (as described in the procedure PCR_FAL_02)

Table 3 - External Post-Incident Explanatory Communication messages

Message ID	External Post-Incident message name	Deadline
POST_Exc_03a	Further information on the Risk of Partial Decoupling	At the end of the MCS
POST_Exc_03b	Further information on the Delay of the Market Coupling Session	At the end of the MCS
POST_Exc_04a	Further information on the Partial Decoupling	Decided in Ad-hoc OPSCOM
POST_Exc_04b	Further information on the Full Decoupling	Decided in Ad-hoc OPSCOM

2.1.5. Correct treatment of wrongly sent messages

If the Coordinator sent a wrong message or a message with an erroneous content, a new correct message should be sent to all PXs by adding in the subject the mention: **“CANCELS AND REPLACES THE PREVIOUS MESSAGE”**.

If the Coordinator sent a message that should not have been sent at all, the Coordinator should forward the same message to all PXs by adding in the subject the mention: **“CANCELLED”**.

2.1.6. Backup Coordinator’s assistance in sending messages

If the Coordinator is not able to send the needed messages on time (due to high workload in coordinating the other PXs or any other issue that he might encounter), the following good behavior rules should be applied:

- a) The Coordinator anticipates that a message might not be sent on time and requests in the IC the assistance of the Backup Coordinator in sending the message on his behalf;
- b) The Backup Coordinator notices that a message has not been sent on time, reminds the Coordinator in the IC and if the Coordinator cannot send the message, informs in the IC that he will take initiative in sending the message on behalf of the Coordinator and immediately after sends the message.

These rules should be applied with the aim to ensure no delay in the sending of a message in due time.

2.2. Process clarification

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External communication messages

ExC_01: Thresholds reached - Reopening of the order books

In case the prices reach or exceed the predefined thresholds, the Incident Committee will decide on the triggering of a Second Auction, according to procedure PCR_EXC_03.

As soon as the Incident Committee has agreed on a common time for the reopening of the PX order books for 10 minutes, the PCR Coordinator sends the external message ExC_01 to all the PXs.

Remark: In case the message ExC_01 is sent [REDACTED], the PCR Coordinator will send the ExC_02 or, if applicable, [REDACTED] ExC_06 message.

The PX that chooses not to reopen the order book may inform the market about the delay in the Market Coupling Results publication by sending the ExC_02 or, if applicable, [REDACTED] the ExC_06 message [REDACTED]

Message title:

[ExC_01]: Thresholds reached - Reopening of the order books

Message content:

Due to the exceeding of the predefined price thresholds, a **Second Auction** is triggered.

Consequently, the PX order books will be reopened at **HH:MM** for exactly [REDACTED]

Therefore, the publication of the Market Coupling Results is delayed.

Disclaimer: The timings are expressed as CET timings.

Note:

The PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication as follows:

- HH:MM with time decided in the IC for the reopening of the order books [REDACTED]

ExC_02: Delay in Market Coupling Results publication

If the positive Global Preliminary Confirmation has not been generated [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), the PCR Coordinator sends the message ExC_02 to inform about the possible delay.

This message shall never be forwarded to the market participants, if applicable, [REDACTED], or if the positive Global Preliminary Confirmation is generated between [REDACTED].

Remark: As an exception, the PCR Coordinator will not send the message ExC_02 if:

- a Second Auction was triggered by the message ExC_01 [REDACTED] or if
- a Partial Decoupling was declared by the message ExC_04a.

If the delay is determined [REDACTED], the Coordinator will send the ExC_06 message instead of the ExC_02 message.

Message title:

[ExC_02]: Delay in Market Coupling Results publication

Message content:

Please be aware that **the publication of the Market Coupling Results is delayed** until further notice.

The Market Coupling Results will be published as soon as they are available.

If needed, another delay message will be sent out.

ExC_03a: Risk of Partial Decoupling

In case the Incident Committee was launched due to technical problems or market issues that could lead to a Partial Coupling, the PCR Coordinator will send the external message ExC_03a to all the PXs in order to communicate the risk of a Partial Decoupling.

The same message will be sent for all the Partial Decoupling cases, at least [REDACTED] in case of Partial Decoupling and [REDACTED] in case of Partial Decoupling known in advance [REDACTED]. This will allow the PXs to forward this message to their TSOs and Market Participants within the deadline, according to local procedures.

Remark: If the issue is solved between the reception of this message from the PCR Coordinator and the corresponding deadline, PXs will not forward this message to the market.

Message title:

[ExC_03a]: Risk of Partial Decoupling

Message content:

Please be aware that the **Market Coupling process encounters severe technical issues or extraordinary market situations for the following area(s):**

[REDACTED]

In case of Partial Decoupling, another message will be sent shortly after **HH:MM** to announce the Partial Decoupling.

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Note:

Depending on the Partial Decoupling case, the PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication (HH:MM) with one of the following:

- [REDACTED] (in case of Partial Decoupling);
- [REDACTED] (in case of Partial Decoupling known in advance).

The PCR Coordinator will keep the areas at risk of being decoupled and remove the ones which are not.

ExC_03b: Further delay of the Market Coupling Session

If the Market Coupling Results are still not published due to technical problems [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (the deadline for the Full Decoupling) or if the issue that might trigger a Full Decoupling known in advance has not yet been solved [REDACTED] (the deadline for the Full Decoupling known in advance), the PCR Coordinator will send the external message *ExC_03b* to the PXs in order to communicate the risk of a Full Decoupling.

The same message will be sent for both Full Decoupling cases, [REDACTED] in case of Full Decoupling and [REDACTED] in case of Full Decoupling known in advance [REDACTED]. This will allow the PXs to forward this message to their TSOs and Market Participants within the deadline, according to local procedures.

Remark: If the issue is solved between the reception of this message from the PCR Coordinator and the corresponding deadline, PXs will not forward this message to the market.

Message title:

[ExC_03b]: Further delay of the Market Coupling Session

Message content:

Please be aware that the Market Coupling Session is delayed.
Therefore, **the Market Coupling Session encounters a risk of Full Decoupling.**

If the Final Market Coupling Results are still not available at **HH:MM**, another message will be sent out in order to announce the Full Decoupling.

Disclaimer: The timings are expressed as CET timings.

Note:

Depending on the Full Decoupling case, the PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication (HH:MM) with one of the following:

- [REDACTED] (in case of Full Decoupling);
- [REDACTED] (in case of Full Decoupling known in advance).

ExC_04a: Partial Decoupling – Reopening of the order books

In case the Market Coupling Session is delayed due to technical problems or market issues related to one particular area [REDACTED] (the deadline for Partial Decoupling), the Incident Committee will declare the Partial Decoupling of the concerned area and the PCR Coordinator will send the external message *ExC_04a* to the PXs.

Remark: In case of Partial Decoupling, the PCR Coordinator will not send the *ExC_02* message.

The PX that chooses not to reopen the order book may inform the market about the delay in the Market Coupling Results publication by sending the *ExC_02* message.

Message title:

[ExC_04a]: Partial Decoupling – Reopening of the order books

Message content:

Due to technical reasons or market issues, **the following area is decoupled from the Market Coupling:**

[REDACTED]

As a consequence of the Partial Decoupling, **the PX order books for the areas remained coupled will reopen at HH:MM [REDACTED]**, depending on the application of local rules.

Therefore, the publication of the Market Coupling Results is delayed.

For the areas that remain coupled, please follow the market coupling rules as usual. The decoupled area shall follow its local fallback rules.

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Note:

The PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication as follows:

- HH:MM with time decided in the IC for the reopening of the order books [REDACTED].

The Coordinator will remove the VBs (areas) that are not decoupled.

If only [REDACTED] is decoupled, the Coordinator will need to do the following:

- Remove the following part from the message title: “– Reopening of the order books”
- Remove the following sentences from the message:
 - “As a consequence of the Partial Decoupling, **the PX order books for the areas remained coupled will reopen at HH:MM [REDACTED]**, depending on the application of local rules.”
 - “*Disclaimer: The timings are expressed as CET timings.*”

ExC_04b: Full Decoupling

If the Market Coupling Results are still not published [REDACTED] (the deadline for Full Decoupling), the Incident Committee will declare the Full Decoupling and the PCR Coordinator will send the external message *ExC_04b* to the PXs in order to communicate the Full Decoupling.

Message title:

[ExC_04b]: Full Decoupling

Message content:

Due to technical reasons or market issues, the whole price coupled area is fully decoupled.
Please follow the local fallback rules of each PX.

ExC_05a: Partial Decoupling known in advance

As soon as all parties agree on the content of the communication towards the market and the Incident Committee declares the Partial Coupling known in advance, the PCR Coordinator sends the external message *ExC_05a* to the PXs.

Message title:

[ExC_05a]: Partial Decoupling known in advance

Message content:

Due to severe issues that persist after the Partial Decoupling of the previous Market Coupling Session, **the following area will remain decoupled for delivery day DD.MM.YYYY as well:**

[REDACTED]

For the areas that remain coupled, please follow the Market Coupling rules as usual.
For the decoupled area, please follow the local fallback rules.

Note:

The PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication as follows:
- DD.MM.YYYY with the corresponding delivery day (e.g. 20.05.2013).
The PCR Coordinator will remove the VBs (areas) that are not decoupled.

ExC_05b: Full Decoupling known in advance

As soon as all parties agree on the content of the communication towards the market and the Incident Committee declares the Full Decoupling known in advance, the PCR Coordinator sends the external message *ExC_05b* to the PXs.

Message title:

[ExC_05b]: Full Decoupling known in advance

Message content:

Due to severe issues that persist after the Full Decoupling of the previous Market Coupling Session, **the entire price coupled area will remain fully decoupled for delivery day DD.MM.YYYY as well.**

Please follow the local fallback rules of each PX.

Note:

The PCR Coordinator will replace the timing in the text of the communication as follows:

- DD.MM.YYYY with the corresponding delivery day (e.g. 20.05.2013).

ExC_06: Delay in Market Coupling Results publication due to curtailment at max price detected in [REDACTED]

If [REDACTED] Max Price has been triggered and the positive Global Preliminary Confirmation has not been generated ([REDACTED] before the Regular Publication Time), the PCR Coordinator sends the message *ExC_06* to inform about the delay. This message can never be forwarded to the market participants [REDACTED].

Remark: As an exception, if a Second Auction was triggered by the message *ExC_01* [REDACTED] or if a Partial Decoupling was declared by the message *ExC_04a*, the PCR Coordinator will not send the message *ExC_06*.

Message title:

[ExC_06]: Delay in Market Coupling Results publication due to curtailment at max price detected [REDACTED]

Message content:

Please be aware that **the publication of the Market Coupling Results is delayed** until further notice. This is due to curtailment at max price detected in [REDACTED].

Peak Load Capacity Reserves procedures have been triggered [REDACTED].

The Market Coupling Results will be published as soon as they are available.

External Post-Incident Explanatory communication messages

If the Market Coupling Session has encountered a risk of decoupling or if a decoupling has been declared, a Post-Incident Explanatory message will be sent to the market.

It is the PCR Coordinator's responsibility to send out these messages to all the PXs. If there has been a Coordinator switch during the Market Coupling Session, the initial Coordinator is responsible for sending these messages.

PXs may forward the Post-Incident messages to their Market Participants and other relevant parties (including TSOs).

Some Post-Incident messages contain predefined explanations, while others have to be updated according to the specific incident that occurred:

a) Predefined Post-Incident messages that require no further adjustment:

POST_Exc_03a and *POST_Exc_03b*

These messages should be sent out by the Coordinator to the PXs at the end of the Market Coupling Session.

If a decoupling (Partial or Full) was declared, the *POST_Exc_03a* and *POST_Exc_03b* message will not be sent at the end of the Market Coupling Session. The Ad-Hoc OPSCOM will be organized [REDACTED] in order to decide on the message and the content of the message to be sent (see point b below).

b) Predefined Post-Incident messages that require further adjustments in the Ad-Hoc OPSCOM:

POST_Exc_04a and *POST_Exc_04b*

If a decoupling (Partial or Full) was declared, an Ad-Hoc OPSCOM will be organized [REDACTED] in order to discuss the incident and agree on the text to be used before sending these messages to the market.

The Coordinator will send the agreed message to the PXs. These messages may be sent out by each PX to the external relevant parties at the time decided by the Ad-hoc OPSCOM.

POST_Exc_03a: Further information on the Risk of Partial Decoupling

Message title:

POST_Exc_03a: Further information on the Risk of Partial Decoupling

Message content:

Dear Market Participant,

You have received earlier today a communication regarding a risk of Partial Decoupling. This message was sent [REDACTED] to warn you that certain areas had a risk of being decoupled.

The Operations teams managed to ensure that the issue was solved before the Partial Decoupling deadline [REDACTED]

This has led however to a delay in the publication of the Market Coupling Results.

We would like to inform you that the next Market Coupling Session is expected to be run under normal circumstances.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused and we thank you for your understanding.

Date

Signature

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POST_Exc_03b: Further information on the Delay of the Market Coupling Session

Message title:

POST_Exc_03b: Further information on the Delay of the Market Coupling Session

Message content:

Dear Market Participant,

You have received earlier today a communication regarding a risk of Full Decoupling. This message was sent [REDACTED] to warn you that the final Market Coupling Results were not yet available yet.

This delay was caused by issues that could be solved within the deadlines, in accordance with the applicable coupling procedures and without leading to other incidents.

The Operations teams managed to ensure that the Market Coupling Results were confirmed before the Full Decoupling Deadline [REDACTED]

Therefore, we would like to inform you that the next Market Coupling Session is expected to be run under normal circumstances.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused and we thank you for your understanding.

Date

Signature

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POST_Exc_04a: Further information on the Partial Decoupling

Message title:

POST_Exc_04a: Further information on the Partial Decoupling

Message content:

Dear Market Participant,

You have received earlier today a communication regarding a Partial Decoupling. This message was sent [REDACTED] to warn you that that the following area was decoupled:
[name of area]

This decoupling was caused by *[reason]*.

Therefore, the publication of the Market Coupling Results was delayed.

We would like to inform you that the next Market Coupling Session is expected to be run under normal circumstances.

OR:

Further update will follow regarding the next Market Coupling Session.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused and we thank you for your understanding.

Date

Signature

Disclaimer: The timings are expressed as CET timings.

POST_Exc_04b: Further information on the Full Decoupling

Message title:

POST_Exc_04b: Further information on the Full Decoupling

Message content:

Dear Market Participant,

You have received earlier today a communication regarding a Full Decoupling. This message was sent [REDACTED] to warn you that that the whole price coupling area is fully decoupled.

This decoupling was caused by *[reason]*.

We would like to inform you that the next Market Coupling Session is expected to be run under normal circumstances.

OR:

Further update will follow regarding the next Market Coupling Session.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused and we thank you for your understanding.

Date

Signature

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PX	Disaster Recovery Email address	Disaster Recovery Phone numbers
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OTHER PCR OCCASIONAL MESSAGES

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MPs = Market Participants