# El Hearing – Long Term Transmission Rights April 20, 2015 SCA/SKGS

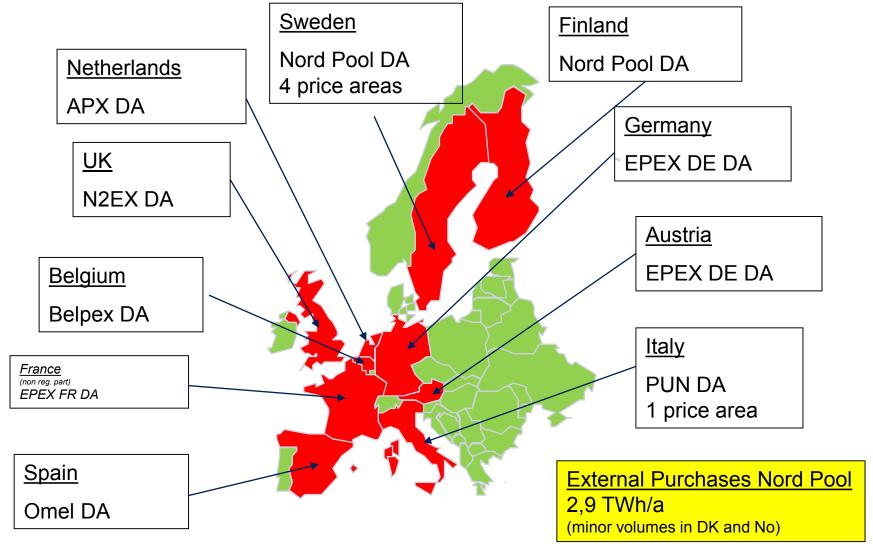


Consumers view of todays market and future developments



#### Price references used by SCA in Europe





### Experience from hedging in the current market Nordics as well as continental Europe



- On all the markets on the previous slide we are using cash-settled financial contracts with the local DA-price as reference
- In the Nordic area we hedge the <u>System Price</u> and when deemed appropriate also the EPAD:
  - We get hold of EPADs in all areas at a "ok" prices
  - SE 4 requires more job, but not impossible
- The System Price is vital for a major consumer who would like to hedge the price. It covers a big enough consumption /production area to attract not only fundamental players, but also speculative players => liquidity

We do <u>not</u> see any need for FTRs or PTRs (anywhere)

### What is important to make the total market work?



- The basis is the function of the physical market
  - TSO responsibility
- Market coupling between price areas:
  - All transport capacity shall be allocated to the market
  - Implicit auctions
- Transparent and reasonable criteria for determining price area structure:
  - Not too small. Will have problems to attract speculative players
  - How shall transmission investments be evaluated vs. counter trade vs. doing nothing
- Transparent and reasonable criteria for determining when the TSOs shall intervene e.g. counter trade, curtailment of capacity etc.

## What should be done make the Nordic market function even better?



- Reduce the number of price areas to a minimum:
  - Structural bottlenecks
- The TSOs shall guarantee capacity over the borders:
  - Counter trade paid by congestion fees or tariff
  - Will lead to increased predictability => easier to attract nonfundamental players
- The TSOs should maybe have the possibility to buy/sell EPADs on borders:
  - Clear criteria when they have to do it; during the time before a grid investment is finalized??
  - It should NOT be a default option that they have to do it.

#### Summary



A physical market with clear and transparent rules is the basis

- The financial hedging market needs an underlying physical market of a certain size to be able to attract enough capital to work
- If the rules are in place and the size is big enough, the market will create and develop instruments
- A mandatory introduction of any hedge instrument is not the way to develop the market!

