FIGURES ON THE ELECTRICITY MARKET 2018: CLASSIFICATION OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS AND ACTIVE SUPLLIERS PER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

Since January 1st 2004, VREG sets up a monthly survey of the distribution network operators concerning the number of access points. Details about the delivered quantities per supplier are only requested once a year with respect to the previous calendar year

The published figures only involve the Flemish region and they are limited to the activities on the distribution network, defined as the network with a nominal voltage equal to or below 70 kV. They will be updated every three months.

AMR stands for automated meter read, which involves the major electricity customers whose meters are read remotely on a daily basis. A special adjusted meter records electricity consumption per 15 minutes and gas consumption per hour. In this case a physical meter reading is not required.

Table 1: Classification of electricity end-users on April 1st 2018

Category	Number	Percentage
Automatically meter read customers - AMR	28.895	0,84%
Monthly meter read customer - MMR	13.878	0,40%
Professional, yearly meter read customers	604.168	17,63%
Domestic customers	2.780.463	81,12%
Total	**3.427.404**	**100%**

MMR stands for monthly meter read. In these companies meters are read every month by a meter reader.

A household consumer is legally defined as an EAN number where at least one natural person is residing. In practice, for privacy reasons neither suppliers nor network operators have permanent access to residence details. The supplier determines whether or not a customer belongs to the household category. If the contract is signed by a natural person, the access point is considered to be a household customer.

Minor shifts between these four categories are possible from month to month. Each month new EANs are created (for example for new construction) and existing EANs disappear (for example after demolition). A major increase or decrease in the number of access points in a specific category can to a certain degree affect percentages.

Table 2: Number of active suppliers per distribution network and the number of access points in each territory related to the total number of access points (%) on April 1st 2018 (deliveries to end users electricity)

Distribution Network Operator electricity	Number of active suppliers	% access points
DNB BA	11	0,01%
ELIA	12	0,00%
GASELWEST	32	13,25%
IMEA	32	9,23%
IMEWO	36	17,77%
INFRAX WEST	30	3,98%
INTER-ENERGA	32	12,58%
INTERGEM	33	9,03%
IVEG	31	2,62%
IVEKA	32	11,43%
IVERLEK	33	15,56%
PBE	27	2,70%
SIBELGAS	28	1,82%
Total	**369**	**100,00%**