

Part 2

Day Ahead Allocation Rules

IFA and IFA2

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CHAPTER 1

General Provisions

Article 1

Subject-matter and scope

1. These Day Ahead Allocation Rules contain the terms and conditions for the allocation of Physical Transmission Rights, in the day-ahead market timeframe, it being understood that the Registered Participant will endorse these rules by the signature of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement. In particular, the Day Ahead Allocation Rules for Day Ahead Capacity Allocation set out the rights and obligations of Registered Participants as well as the requirements for participation in Day Ahead Auctions, they describe the process of the Day Ahead Auction, including the determination of Marginal Price as a result of Day Ahead Auction and the process for curtailment of Day Ahead Transmission Rights and invoicing/payment.
2. The Day Ahead Auctions refer to Cross Zonal Capacity only and Registered Participants may invoke no other right in connection with the Day Ahead Transmission Rights allocated to them than the rights in accordance with the provisions of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules for Day Ahead Capacity Allocation.

Article 2

Definitions and interpretation

1. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall have the meaning given to them in the Intraday Allocation Rules and the Long Term Allocation Rules.
2. For the purposes of interpretation, references in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement to the “Access Rules” shall be read and construed as meaning these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
3. In addition, the following definitions shall apply

Allocation Platform means the Joint Allocation Office (JAO) appointed and commissioned by the responsible TSOs to act on their behalf and on its own name for the attribution of Cross Zonal Capacity through the Day Ahead Auctions as defined in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement;

Applicable Law means any statute, statutory instrument, licence (including any applicable Office of Gas and Electricity Markets Interconnector Licence and the Licence Standards), law (whether English or

French) or decree (*décret*) or order in council or directive, or any code including the GB Grid Code, the French Energy Code and Decree n° 2006-1731 of 23 December 2006 (*“approuvant le cahier des charges type de concession du réseau public de transport d’électricité”*) and the Balancing and Settlement Code, or any request, requirement, instruction, direction or rule of any authority but only, where not having the force of law, if compliance with the Applicable Law is in accordance with the general practice of persons to whom the Applicable Law is addressed;

Auction Specification means a list of specific characteristics of a particular Day Ahead Auction, including the nature of offered products and relevant dates;

Auction Tool means the information technology system used by the Allocation Platform to perform Auctions and to facilitate other procedures described in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;

Bid means a pair of Bid Quantity and Bid Price offered by a Registered Participant participating in an Auction;

Bid Price means the price which a Registered Participant is willing to pay for one (1) MW and hour of Transmission Rights;

Bid Value means the Bid Price multiplied with the Bid Quantity.

Bid Quantity means the amount of Transmission Rights in MW requested by a Registered Participant;

Bidding Period means the time period within which the Registered Participants wishing to participate in an Auction may submit their Bids;

Business Account means, a dedicated deposit account opened at the financial institution selected by the Allocation Platform in the name of the Allocation Platform or at the discretion of the Allocation Platform opened by the Registered Participant, but with the Allocation Platform as the beneficiary of the dedicated cash deposit, which may be used for payments by the Registered Participant;

Cross Zonal Capacity means the capability of the interconnected system to accommodate energy transfer between bidding zones;

Day Ahead Allocation Rules means those rules detailed in Part 2 of the Access Rules

Day Ahead Auction means the explicit auction run by Allocation Platform(s) by which daily Cross Zonal Capacity is offered and allocated to market participants who submit Bid(s);

Day Ahead Participation Agreement means, the agreement, published on the website of the Allocation Platform, by which the Parties undertake to comply with the terms and conditions for Day Ahead Capacity Allocation as contained in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;

EIC Code means the ENTSO-E Energy Identification Coding Scheme identifying the parties in a cross- border trade;

Force Majeure means any unforeseeable or unusual event or situation beyond the reasonable control of a Party and/or the relevant TSOs, and not due to a fault of the Party and/or the relevant TSOs, which cannot be avoided or overcome with reasonable foresight and diligence, which cannot be solved by measures which are from a technical, financial or economic point of view reasonably possible for the Party and/or the relevant TSOs, which has actually happened and is objectively verifiable, and which makes it impossible for the Party and/or the relevant TSOs to fulfil, temporarily or permanently, its obligations;

GB Grid Code means the document referred to as the Grid Code in the NGET Transmission Licence;

Information System Rules means the terms and conditions for access to and use of the Auction Tool by Registered Participants as published on the Allocation Platform's website;

Interconnector means the interconnection of the NGET Transmission System with the RTE Transmission System by the National Grid Interconnector Circuits and the RTE Interconnector Circuits;

Intraday Allocation Rules means those rules detailed in Part 1 of the Access Rules;

Long Term Allocation Rules means those rules detailed in Part 3 of the Access Rules;

Marginal Price means the price determined at particular Auction to be paid by all the Registered Participants for each MW and hour of acquired Day Ahead Physical Transmission Right;

National Grid or **NGIC** means National Grid Interconnectors Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales;

National Grid or **NGIFA2** means National Grid IFA2 Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales;

National Grid Interconnector Circuits means

(a) for NGIC, the switching bays and sub-marine cables and other plant and apparatus owned by National Grid connecting the NGET Transmission System to the RTE Interconnector Circuits commencing at and including the switching bays at the substation known as Sellindge 400; and

(b) for NGIFA2, the switching bays and sub-marine cables and other plant and apparatus owned by National Grid connecting the NGET Transmission System to the RTE Interconnector Circuits commencing at and including the switching bays at the substation known as Chilling,

as such switching bays and sub-marine cables and other plant, apparatus and meters are replaced, modified, developed, or added to from time to time;

National Regulatory Authorities means the Commission de Régulation de l'Énergie (CRE) and the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM);

NGET Transmission System means the system comprising electric lines owned or operated by NGET for the transmission of electricity as defined in the GB Grid Code;

NGET Transmission Licence means the licence granted by the Secretary of State to NGET under Section 6(1)(b) of the Governing Act permitting, inter alia, the transmission of electricity in England and Wales, as amended from time to time;

Nomination means the notification of the use of Cross Zonal Capacity by a Physical Transmission Rights holder and, its counterparty, or an authorized third party, to the respective Transmission System Operator(s);

Nomination Rules means the rules with regard to the notification of use of Transmission Rights to the relevant Transmission System Operator(s) as set out at Part 4 of these Access Rules;

Party/ Parties means the Allocation Platform and/or a Registered Participant referred to individually as Party or collectively as Parties;

Physical Transmission Right means a right entitling its holder to physically transfer a certain volume of electricity in a certain period of time between two bidding zones in a specific direction;

Product Period means the time and date on which the right to use the Day Ahead Physical Transmission Right commences and the time and date on which the right to use the Transmission Right ends. The Product Period covers a calendar day of a period of 24 hours beginning at 0:00 and ending at 23:59:59. The days on which the legal time changes (daylight saving time) will be composed of either 23 hours or 25 hours;

Registered Participant means a market participant which has entered into a Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the Allocation Platform

Rights Document means a document containing the information of the maximum Day Ahead Transmission Rights that can be nominated by a market participant per bidding zone border per day per hour and per direction on the interconnector, taking into account the volume of rights initially acquired, and any possible curtailments which occurred before the issuance of the Rights Document;

RTE means RTE Réseau de transport d'électricité;

RTE Grid Code means the rules, including technical rules, establishing the minimum technical design and operation requirements for connection to the RTE Transmission System;

RTE Interconnector Circuits means

(a) the switching bays and sub-marine cables and the other plant and apparatus owned by RTE connecting the RTE Transmission System to the National Grid Interconnector Circuits commencing at and including the switching bays at the sub-station known as Les Mandarins 400; and

(b) the switching bays and sub-marine cables and the other plant and apparatus owned by RTE connecting the RTE Transmission System to the National Grid Interconnector Circuits commencing at and including the switching bays at the sub-station known as Tourbe,

as such switching bays and sub-marine cables and other plant, apparatus and meters are replaced, modified, developed, or added to from time to time;

RTE Transmission System the system of electric lines operated by RTE under concession for the transmission of electricity, as defined in the French Act, the Cahier des Charges de Concession as defined in the amendment dated 10 April 1995 of the concession rules dated 27 November 1958 or as subsequently amended by law, but excluding, for the purposes of this agreement, the RTE Interconnector Circuits;

Working Day means the calendar days from Monday to Friday, with the exception of public holidays as specified on the website of the Allocation Platform;

Working Hours means the hours on Working Days specified within the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

4. In these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) the singular indicates the plural and vice versa;
- (b) references to one gender include all other genders;

- (c) the table of contents, headings and examples are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules;
- (d) the word “including” and its variations are to be construed without limitation;
- (e) any reference to legislation, regulations, directive, order, instrument, code, or any other enactment shall include any modification, extension, or re-enactment of it then in force;
- (f) any reference to another agreement or document, or any deed or other instrument is to be construed as a reference to that other agreement, or document, deed, or other instrument as amended, varied, supplemented, substituted, or novated from time to time;
- (g) a reference to time is a reference to CET/CEST time unless otherwise specified;
- (h) where the Allocation Platform is required to publish any information under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, it shall do so by making the information or data available on its website and/or via the Auction Tool and /or sending an email to the Registered Participants and
- (i) when using the term Transmission Rights it refers to Physical Transmission Rights.

Article 3 **Allocation Platform**

1. The Allocation Platform shall undertake the allocation functions in accordance with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and in accordance with applicable relevant legislation.
2. The Allocation Platform shall run the Day Ahead Auction for the concerned bidding zone borders. It shall perform the registration process, handle necessary financial risk management, prepare, and conduct the Day Ahead Allocations, provide all necessary information to the Registered Participants and the TSOs and collect payments and/or pay according to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
3. For the sake of clarity, the Allocation Platform hereby enters into a contractual relationship with the Registered Participants. The appointment of a new Allocation Platform shall not affect the rights and obligations resulting from a Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
4. For the purposes of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules the Allocation Platform shall be the party signing the Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the Registered Participant.
5. For the purpose of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform shall publish subsequent versions of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules thereto as they enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes. In case of a conflict between the subsequent versions by the Allocation Platform and the Day Ahead Allocation Rules including the annexes as entered into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes, the latter shall prevail.

Article 4

Effective date and application

1. These Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes upon the approval by the relevant National Regulatory Authorities and, where applicable, notification to Registered Participants (and on the date announced by the Allocation Platform).

2. These Day Ahead Allocation Rules are subject to the legislation prevailing at the time at which they take effect. In the event that there is a change in legislation or any action by competent authorities at national level which have an effect on these Day Ahead Allocation Rules then, notwithstanding any other provision of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, the Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall be amended accordingly and pursuant to Article 54.

CHAPTER 2

Requirements and process for participation in Day Ahead Allocation

Article 5

General Provisions

1. Market participants may acquire a Transmission Right in the day-ahead market framework via Day Ahead Auctions.
2. The participation in Day Ahead Auctions requires that the market participant:
 - (a) concludes a valid and effective Day Ahead Participation Agreement indicating on which bidding zone border and also on which interconnector a registration for Day Ahead Auctions is desired in accordance with Articles 6 to 13; and
 - (b) has access to the Auction Tool in accordance with 14;
 - (c) complies with the requirements for provision of collaterals as specified in CHAPTER 3.
3. The participation in Day Ahead Auctions requires that market participants, in addition to the conditions set forth in the previous paragraph, accept additional financial terms where needed in accordance with Article 15.
4. In any case, market participants have to fulfil the obligations as specified in the relevant Chapters of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 6

Day Ahead Participation Agreement conclusion

1. At least nine (9) Working Days before the first participation in a Day Ahead Auction, any market participant may apply to be a party to a Day Ahead Participation Agreement by submitting, to the Allocation Platform, two (2) signed copies of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in case of handwritten signature(s), as published on the website of the Allocation Platform, together with all duly completed information and documents required by Articles 6 to 15. The Participation Agreement shall either be signed by handwritten signature(s) or electronic qualified signature(s) (QES). The Allocation Platform shall assess the completeness of the information submitted in accordance with Articles 8 and 11 within seven (7) Working Days of receipt of the completed and signed Day Ahead Participation Agreement.
2. The Allocation Platform shall before the expiration of the seven (7) Working Days deadline ask the market participant to provide any outstanding information which the market participant failed to submit with its Day Ahead Participation Agreement. On receipt of the outstanding information, the Allocation Platform shall within an additional seven (7) Working Days review the information and inform the market participant if any further information is required.
3. Once the Allocation Platform has received all necessary information, it shall return one copy of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement signed by it to the market participant without undue delay. Signature of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement by the Allocation Platform shall not itself indicate compliance with any other condition set in these Allocation Rules for the participation in the Day Ahead Auctions. The Day Ahead Participation Agreement comes into force on the date of signature by the Allocation Platform.
4. In case market participant is already a Registered Participant at the Allocation Platform it only has to complete the missing/extra requirements described under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules respecting the specificities of the previous paragraph of this article.

Article 7

Form and content of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement

1. The form of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement and the requirements for its completion shall be published by the Allocation Platform and may be amended from time to time by the Allocation Platform without changing any terms and conditions specified in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules unless otherwise stated in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
2. As a minimum, the Day Ahead Participation Agreement will require the market participant to:
 - (a) provide all necessary information in accordance with Article 8 and 11; and
 - (b) agree to be bound by and comply with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
3. Nothing in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall prevent the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant from agreeing in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement additional rules, out of the scope of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
4. In the event of difficulty of interpretation, contradiction or ambiguity between these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement, the text of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall prevail.

Article 8
Submission of information

1. The market participant shall submit the following information with its completed and signed Day Ahead Participation Agreement:

- (a) name and registered address of the market participant including general email and telephone number of the market participant for notifications in accordance with Article 60;
- (b) an extract of the registration of the market participant in the commercial register of the competent authority;
- (c) details regarding the beneficial ownership of the market participant or the persons authorised to represent the market participant and their function in relation to the prevention of money laundering or terrorist financing under Applicable Law;
- (d) EU VAT registration number or similar tax identification information where EU VAT is not applicable;
- (e) Taxes and levies to be considered for invoices and collateral calculations;
- (f) Energy Identification Code (EIC) which has been registered in the Centralised European Register of Energy Market Participants (CEREMP);
- (g) bank account information evidenced by a bank account identification document for all payments to the applicant to be used by the Allocation Platform;
- (h) financial contact person for collaterals, invoicing and payment issues, and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;
- (i) commercial contact person and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;
- (j) operational contact person and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;
- (k) the interconnector(s) where the Registered Participant wants to participate in Day Ahead Auctions;
- (l) ACER Registration Code (ACER Code) assigned by the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) during the market participant registration process with the National Regulatory Authorities.

2. A Registered Participant shall ensure that all data and other information that it provides to the Allocation Platform pursuant to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules (including information in its Day Ahead Participation Agreement) is and remains accurate and complete in all material respects and must promptly notify the Allocation Platform of any change.

3. A Registered Participant shall notify the Allocation Platform if there is any change to the information, submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, at least nine (9) Working

Days before the change comes into effect and, where that is not possible, without delay after the Registered Participant becomes aware of the change.

4. The Allocation Platform will confirm the registration of the change or send a refusal note of registration of the change to the Registered Participant, at the latest, seven (7) Working Days after the receipt of the relevant notification of change. The confirmation or refusal note will be sent via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. If the Allocation Platform refuses to register the change, the reason shall be provided in the refusal note.

5. The change becomes valid on the day of the delivery of the confirmation to the Registered Participant.

6. If additional information is required from a Registered Participant as a consequence of an amendment to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, then the Registered Participant shall submit the additional information to the Allocation Platform within twelve (12) Working Days after the request for such submission by the Allocation Platform.

Article 9

Warranties

1. By the signature of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement the market participant warrants that:
 - (a) it has not commenced any proceedings seeking a judgement of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights;
 - (b) no insolvency, bankruptcy or other similar legal proceeding affecting creditors' rights have been commenced in relation to the applicant;
 - (c) no winding-up or liquidation proceedings have been commenced with regard to the applicant; and
 - (d) it has no overdue payment obligations towards any current, previous, or future Allocation Platform.

Article 10

Dedicated Business Account

As part of the submission of the information in accordance with Article 6 and 8, a dedicated Business Account is put at the disposal of the market participant for the purposes of depositing cash collaterals and/or for the purposes of making payments on the basis described in Article 49.

Article 11

Acceptance of the Information System Rules

By signing the Day Ahead Participation Agreement the market participant accepts the applicable Information System Rules, as amended from time to time and published on the website of the Allocation Platform.

Article 12

Costs related to the Day Ahead Participation Agreement

All applications to become a Registered Participant and any subsequent participation in Day Ahead Auctions shall be at the Registered Participants' own cost, expense, and risk. The Allocation Platform shall not be liable to any person for any cost, damages, or expense in connection with the Registered Participant participating in Day Ahead Auctions unless otherwise explicitly stated in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 13

Refusal of application

The Allocation Platform may refuse to enter into a Day Ahead Participation Agreement with a market participant in the following circumstances:

- (a) when the applicant has not submitted a duly completed and signed Day Ahead Participation Agreement in accordance with Articles 6, 7 and 8; or
- (b) the Allocation Platform has previously terminated a Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the applicant as a result of a breach of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement by the Registered Participant in accordance with Article 58 (3) and (4) and unless the circumstances leading to termination have ceased to exist or the Allocation Platform is reasonably satisfied that the breach will not occur again; or
- (c) if entering into a Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the applicant would cause the Allocation Platform to breach any condition of any mandatory legal or regulatory requirement; or
- (d) if any of the warranties of the Registered Participant under Article 9 are found to be not valid or false; or
- (e) if the market participant is subject to economic and/or trade sanctions,,

It being understood that the market participant, once a Registered Participant, shall continue to comply with the requirements set out by this Article.

Article 14

Access to the Auction Tool

1. The Allocation Platform shall grant access to the Auction Tool free of charge if the following requirements are satisfied:

- (a) the Registered Participant has signed and delivered a completed form included in the Information System Rules identifying the person(s) for which the user account(s) in the Auction Tool shall be established; and
- (b) the Registered Participant has fulfilled the requirements on authentication as set forth by the Information System Rules published by the Allocation Platform; such requirements may include technology for authentication purposes.

2. The Allocation Platform shall confirm the creation of the user account(s) or may send a refusal note to the Registered Participant, at the latest, five (5) Working Days after the receipt of the relevant signed and completed form by the Registered Participant. The confirmation or refusal note shall be sent via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website.
3. The Allocation Platform shall send the duly justified refusal note if the requirements listed in paragraph 1 of this Article are not fulfilled and access to the Auction Tool will not be granted.

Article 15

Conclusion of additional financial terms

The Allocation Platform may develop and publish additional standard financial terms to be accepted by the Registered Participants, as long as these additional financial terms comply with the Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 16

Regulatory and legal requirements

It is the responsibility of each market participant to ensure that it complies with national legislation, including requirements of any relevant competent authority, and obtained all necessary authorizations in connection with its participation in Day Ahead Auctions and the use of Transmission Rights allocated in the day-ahead market timeframe and continue to maintain the said authorisation and comply with the relevant national legislation throughout its participation in Auctions.

CHAPTER 3

Collaterals

Article 17

General provisions

1. Registered Participants shall provide collaterals in order to secure payments to the Allocation Platform resulting from Auctions of Day Ahead Transmission Rights and, where applicable, potential other payments falling due under the additional financial terms in accordance with 15.
2. Only the following forms of collaterals shall be accepted:
 - (a) a Bank Guarantee;
 - (b) a cash deposit in a dedicated Business Account.
3. Collaterals may be provided in one of the forms mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article or a combination of these forms, provided that the Allocation Platform is entitled as beneficiary to the full collateral.
4. Credit Limit shall always be greater or equal to zero.
5. The collaterals shall be provided in Euros (€).

Article 18

Form of cash deposit

1. For collaterals that are provided in the form of a cash deposit in a dedicated Business Account the following conditions shall apply:
 - (a) the money shall be deposited in a dedicated Business Account at a financial institution selected by the Allocation Platform;
 - (b) the dedicated Business Account shall be opened and used in accordance with additional financial terms to be concluded between the Allocation Platform, or where relevant the financial institution and the Registered Participant and shall only be used for Auction purposes;
 - (c) until withdrawal as permitted by the following provisions of Article 24, the cash deposit in the dedicated Business Account belongs to the Registered Participant if not stated otherwise in the additional financial terms in accordance with Article 15;
 - (d) withdrawals from the dedicated Business Account pursuant to Article 22 and Article 24 may be made solely on the instruction of the Allocation Platform;
 - (e) the dedicated Business Account may be used in addition for settlement as set forth in Article 49 upon request of the Allocation Platform; and
 - (f) interest on the amount deposited in the dedicated Business Account shall accrue for the benefit of the Registered Participant, after deduction of taxes and bank charges if any.

Article 19
Form of Bank Guarantee

1. Collaterals that are provided in the form of a Bank Guarantee shall comply with the following specifications:

(a) the Bank Guarantee shall be provided in the form of the template that is available on the website of the Allocation Platform and updated from time to time or in a form that substantially follows the template;

(b) the Bank Guarantee shall be written in English;

(c) the Bank Guarantee covers all Auctions organized by the Allocation Platform subject to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules;

(d) the Bank Guarantee shall allow partial and multiple drawing by the Allocation Platform, in total up to the maximum amount guaranteed;

(e) the Bank Guarantee shall provide for payment upon first request of the Allocation Platform. It shall further provide that, if the Allocation Platform calls upon the Bank Guarantee, the bank shall pay automatically without any other condition than the receipt of a written demand by registered letter from the Allocation Platform.

(f) the Bank Guarantee shall be irrevocable, unconditional, and non-transferable;

(g) the Bank Guarantee shall either include handwritten signature(s) or qualified electronic signature(s) (QES) from the issuing Bank. In the event the Bank Guarantee is signed by qualified electronic signature(s) (QES), all following amendments shall be signed by qualified electronic signature(s) (QES);

(h) the bank issuing the Bank Guarantee shall be permanently established, including via a branch in an EU member state, European Economic Area or Switzerland.

(i) the bank issuing the Bank Guarantee or the financial group it belongs to shall have a long term credit rating of not less than BBB+ by Standard and Poor's Corporation, BBB+ by Fitch or Baa1 by Moody's Investors Service Inc. . If the rating requirement is not fulfilled by the issuing bank itself but by the financial group to which it belongs, the issuing bank shall provide the Allocation Platform with a parental guarantee or an equivalent document issued by the financial group. If the issuing bank or the financial group, the issuing bank belongs to ceases to have the required long term credit rating, the Registered Participant shall within five (5) Working Days submit to the Allocation Platform a substitute Bank Guarantee by a bank complying with the required long term credit rating or replace the Bank Guarantee by deposit. If there are industry-wide downgrades of financial institutions, the Allocation Platform may investigate what the new standards are and, if deemed necessary, decrease the required rating for a limited period of time, informing TSOs, who shall then inform the NRAs.

(j) the bank issuing the Bank Guarantee shall not be an Affiliate of the Registered Participant for which the Bank Guarantee is issued.

2. A Bank Guarantee shall contain the following:

- (a) a maximum amount guaranteed;
- (b) the Allocation Platform's identification as beneficiary, as specified on the website of the Allocation Platform;
- (c) the Allocation Platform's bank account, as specified on the website of the Allocation Platform;
- (d) the Allocation Platform's bank's address, as specified on the website of the Allocation Platform;
- (e) the Registered Participant's full identification, including name, address, commercial/company register;
- (f) full identification of the providing bank; and
- (g) the validity time.

3. The Registered Participant shall submit the Bank Guarantee at least four (4) Working Days before the Bidding Period closure of the Auction for which it shall be used as collateral or otherwise, it shall be considered for the subsequent Auctions.

4. The Allocation Platform shall accept the Bank Guarantee provided by a Registered Participant if the Bank Guarantee is provided in line with the specifications set out in paragraph 1 to 2 of this Article and, in the event the Bank Guarantee includes handwritten signature(s), the original of the Bank Guarantee has been received by the Allocation Platform.

5. The Allocation Platform shall confirm the acceptance of the Bank Guarantee or send a refusal note to the Registered Participant, at the latest, four (4) Working Days after the receipt of the original of the Bank Guarantee. The confirmation or refusal note shall be sent via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. The refusal note shall include reasoning for refusal.

Article 20

Validity and renewal of the Bank Guarantee

1. Collaterals in the form of a Bank Guarantee shall be valid for the minimum periods until at least thirty (30) calendar days after the end of the calendar month of the Product Period(s);
2. The Registered Participant shall replace or renew the collaterals in form of a Bank Guarantee to fulfil the requirements of paragraph 1 of this Article at least four (4) Working Days before the expiry of the validity of the collaterals.

Article 21

Credit Limit

1. The Allocation Platform shall calculate and continuously update the Credit Limit of each Registered Participant in respect of each subsequent Auction. For the purpose of calculating the Credit Limit under this Article 21, Chapter 3 (Collateral) of the Intraday Allocation Rules and Chapter 3 (Collateral) of the Long Term Allocation Rules, any outstanding payment obligations of the Registered Participant under any set of rules applicable to Capacity Allocation shall be taken into account. In case of a Bank Guarantee such Bank, Guarantee shall be only considered if the

requirements in Article 20 related to its validity for the respective Auction are fulfilled. The Allocation Platform shall make this information available to each Registered Participant individually through the Auction Tool.

2. Outstanding payment obligations are calculated according to Article 49 subject to additional rules in paragraph 3 to 5 of this Article and in Article 31.

3. For the purpose of the Credit Limit calculation, outstanding payment obligations shall be increased to include the taxes and levies in force subject to Article 48

4. Maximum payment obligations for a Registered Participant resulting from its Bid(s) registered at the closure of the Bidding Period, calculated according to Article 31, shall be considered as the outstanding payment obligations. From the publication of the Auction results the due amount notified according to Article 33 paragraph 3(b) and (c) shall be considered as outstanding payment obligations for Credit Limit calculation for any concurrent Auction. The Credit Limit shall be revised based on the actual allocated Day Ahead Transmission Rights when the Auction results are published as described in CHAPTER 4.

Article 22

Modifications of the collaterals

1. A Registered Participant may request in written form an increase of the collaterals in form of a Bank Guarantee, a decrease of the collaterals in form of a Bank Guarantee and/or cash deposit or change of the form of the collaterals at any time in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.

2. A decrease of the collaterals of a Registered Participant shall only be allowed if the Credit Limit after applying the requested decrease of the collaterals would be greater than or equal to zero.

3. The Allocation Platform shall accept the modification of the collaterals if the request for a modification of collaterals is compliant with the condition set out in paragraph 2 of this Article in case of a decrease or with the conditions set out in Article 18 and Article 19 in case of an increase of collaterals in the form of a Bank Guarantee and in case of a change in the form of the collaterals from cash on deposit to Bank Guarantee.

4. The modification of the collaterals shall become valid and effective only when the Allocation Platform has made the requested modification of the collaterals of the Registered Participant within the Auction tool.

5. The Allocation Platform shall assess the request for modification of collaterals and confirm the acceptance or send a refusal note to the Registered Participant, at the latest, four (4) Working Days after the receipt of the request. The confirmation or refusal note shall be sent via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. The refusal note shall include reasoning for refusal.

Article 23

Collateral Incident

1. A collateral incident occurs in the following cases:

- (a) the collaterals are insufficient to secure the amount due for the Day Ahead Transmission Rights held by a Registered Participant on the next payment date as set forth in Article 65 considering the amount and the validity of the collaterals; or
- (b) the collaterals are not renewed in accordance with Article 20 paragraph 2; or
- (c) the collaterals are not restored after a payment incident in accordance with Article 24 or new collateral was provided that is not compliant with the conditions specified in Article 17(3), Article 18, and Article 19.

2. The Allocation Platform shall notify the collaterals incident to the Registered Participant by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. The Registered Participant shall increase its collaterals within two (2) Working Days from sending of the notification if this is done during Working Hours or two (2) Working Days starting from the next Working Day if sent after Working Hours. If the collaterals provided by the Registered Participant remains insufficient after this period, the Allocation Platform may suspend or terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 57 and Article 58.

Article 24 **Calls on collaterals**

1. The Allocation Platform is entitled to call upon collaterals of a Registered Participant in the event of a registered payment incident in accordance with Article 53 and in relation to any sum invoiced under any set of rules applicable to Capacity Allocation (this may include, but not limited to, the Long Term Allocation Rules) that a Registered Participant has failed to pay by the due date for payment. This shall include but not be limited to day-ahead explicit auctions and explicit intraday auctions.
2. The Registered Participant shall restore its collaterals after a payment incident or collaterals incident by following the conditions as set forth in Article 17(3), Article 18, and Article 19 unless the Day Ahead Participation Agreement is suspended or terminated in accordance with Article 57 and Article 58.

CHAPTER 4 **Day Ahead Auctions**

Article 25 **General provisions for Day Ahead Auctions**

1. The Allocation Platform shall allocate Day Ahead Transmission Rights to Registered Participants by way of explicit Allocation. Prior to any Auction the Allocation Platform shall publish Auction Specifications via the Auction Tool.
2. The Day Ahead Auctions shall be organized via the Auction Tool. Each Registered Participant fulfilling the requirements for participating in the Day Ahead Auction may place Bids in the Auction Tool until the relevant deadline for placing Bids in the specific Auction expires according to the respective Auction Specification published on the website.
3. After the relevant deadline for placing Bids in the specific Auction has expired, the Allocation Platform shall evaluate the Bids against the respective Credit Limits of the Registered Participants

(in accordance with Article 31). The results of the Auction will be notified to the Registered Participant via the Auction Tool.

Article 26

[not used]

Article 27

Auction Specification

1. The Allocation Platform shall publish the Auction Specification for the Day Ahead Auctions as set forth in paragraph 2 of this Rule. The Bidding Period of the Day Ahead Auction in normal operating conditions shall be 09:40-10:00 however, in the event of a difference between the Bidding Period stated in this Article 27.1 and the Auction Specification, the Auction Specification shall prevail.
2. When the Auction Specification is published, it shall state in particular:
 - (a) the code identifying the Auction in the Auction Tool;
 - (b) identification of the border(s) and direction covered;
 - (c) the Product Period;
 - (d) the Bidding Period;
 - (e) the deadline for the publication of the Day Ahead Auction results;
 - (f) the contestation period, which shall close no later than 30 minutes after the Day Ahead Auction results have been notified to the Registered Participant. ;
 - (g) the Offered Capacity;
 - (h) any other relevant information or terms applicable to the product or the Day Ahead Auction.

Article 28

Default Bid

1. Registered Participants willing to participate in Day Ahead Auctions may via the Auction Tool place default Bids for Day Ahead Auctions per border and per direction for which they are entitled as stated in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.
2. A default Bid, once identified as such by the Registered Participant, shall apply automatically to each subsequent relevant Day Ahead Auction for a specific border, period, and direction in the absence of any Bid submitted pursuant to Article 29. At the opening of a relevant Bidding Period, the registered default Bid shall be considered as a Bid submitted by the Registered Participant for the relevant Auction. This Bid shall be considered as delivered when the Allocation Platform sends an acknowledgment of receipt to the Registered Participant.
3. If a default Bid Quantity or a quantity calculated as a sum of the Bid Quantity for several default Bids submitted for the same Auction by a Registered Participant exceeds the final Offered Capacity, the Bids with the lowest Bid Price shall be rejected one by one until the total allowed Bid Quantity is reached. The remaining Bids shall then be evaluated in accordance with Articles 32 and 33. In case where the Information System Rules allows submission of Bids with the same Bid Price by one

Registered Participant the Allocation Platform may apply additional criteria or rules to decide which Bid shall be rejected. Such additional criteria or rules shall be included in the information System Rules and shall be one or more from the following:

- (a) chronological submission (time stamp); and/or (b) Bid identification assigned by the Auction Tool; and/or
 - (c) rejection of all relevant Bids with the same Bid Price.
4. A Registered Participant who wants to modify a default Bid for a future Day Ahead Auction shall change the Bid Quantity and the Bid Price of its default Bids before the launch of the applicable Day Ahead Auction.
5. A Registered Participant not wishing to submit the default Bid on the Auction Tool for Day Ahead Auctions can cancel its default Bid before the subsequent Auction Bidding Period Opening

Article 29 **Bids submission**

1. The Registered Participant may submit a Bid or set of Bids to the Allocation Platform in accordance with Article 28 the following requirements:
 - (a) it shall be submitted electronically using the Auction Tool and during the Bidding Period as specified in the Auction Specification;
 - (b) it shall identify the Auction via an identification code as specified in 7 paragraph 2 (a);
 - (c) it shall identify the Registered Participant submitting the Bid through its EIC code;
 - (d) it shall the direction for which the Bid is submitted;
 - (e) it shall state the Bid Price, which shall be different for each Bid of the same Registered Participant, exclusive of taxes and levies, in Euros per MW for one (1) hour of the Product Period, i.e. Euros/MWh, expressed to a maximum of two (2) decimal places, and equal to or greater than zero;
 - (f) it shall state the Bid Quantity in full MW which must be expressed without decimals.
2. The Registered Participant may modify its previously registered Bid or set of Bids at any time during the Bidding Period including its cancellation. In case the Bid has been modified only the last modification of the Bid or set of Bids shall be taken into account for the Auction results determination.
3. If a Bid Quantity or a quantity calculated as a sum of the Bid Quantity for several Bids submitted for the same Auction by a Registered Participant exceeds the Offered Capacity announced in the Auction Specification, this Bid, or these Bids shall be completely rejected. Where a modification of previously submitted Bids results in exceeding the Offered Capacity, the modification shall be rejected, and the previously registered Bids will stand.

4. The above-mentioned process shall apply to all forms of an Auction product and all allocation timeframes.
5. All Bid prices are deemed to be exclusive of Taxes.

Article 30
Bid registration

1. The Allocation Platform shall not register a Bid that:
 - (a) does not comply with the requirements of Article 29; or
 - (b) is submitted by a Registered Participant who is suspended in accordance with Article 50
2. Provided that a Bid or a set of Bids fulfils the requirements set forth in Article 29, the Allocation Platform shall confirm to the Registered Participant that such Bid(s) have been correctly registered into the system and will deliver an acknowledgment of receipt via the Auction Tool. If the Allocation Platform does not issue an acknowledgment of receipt for a Bid, such Bid shall be deemed not to have been registered.
3. The Allocation Platform shall notify a Registered Participant whose Bid is rejected as invalid and the reason for this rejection, without undue delay after the Bid is rejected.
4. The Allocation Platform shall maintain a record of all valid Bids received.
5. Each valid Bid registered shall constitute an unconditional and irrevocable offer by the Registered Participant to buy Transmission Rights up to the Bid Quantity and at prices up to the Bid Price and under the terms and conditions of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and, where applicable, the relevant Auction Specification.

Article 31
Credit Limit verification

1. Upon submission by a Registered Participant of a Bid or set of Bids to the Auction Tool the Allocation Platform shall check whether the maximum payment obligations (MPO) connected with that Registered Participant's registered Bid(s) calculated according to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Article at the time of Bid(s) submission exceed the Credit Limit. If the maximum payment obligation connected with such registered Bids exceed the Credit Limit, the Allocation Platform shall issue automatically via the Auction Tool a warning to the Registered Participant to modify the Credit Limit. Bids shall not be rejected automatically if the maximum payment obligation attributed to registered Bids exceeds the Credit Limit at Bid submission but only after the process described in paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. At closure of the Bidding Period the Allocation Platform shall check again whether the maximum payment obligations connected with registered Bids calculated according to paragraph 5 of this Article exceed the Credit Limit. If the maximum payment obligations connected with these Bids exceed the Credit Limit, these Bids, starting with the Bid with the lowest Bid Value, shall be one (1) by one (1) excluded, until the maximum payment obligations are less than or equal to the Credit Limit. The Allocation Platform may apply additional criteria or rules to decide which Bid shall be rejected. Such additional criteria or rules shall be included in the information System Rules and shall be one or more from the following:

(a) chronological submission (time stamp); and/or

(b) Bid identification assigned by the Auction Tool; and/or

(c) rejection of all relevant Bids with the same Bid Price.

3. The Allocation Platform shall indicate insufficient collaterals as the reason for the Bid exclusion in the Auction results notification to the Registered Participant.

4. The Allocation Platform shall continuously assess all the Bids irrespectively to which Auction and with regard to which direction they are submitted. In case of Bids connected with various and overlapping Auctions the Allocation Platform shall consider all calculated maximum payment obligations as outstanding payment obligations according to Article 23.

5. For the calculation of the maximum payment obligations related to one direction the Allocation Platform shall sort the registered Bids of a Registered Participant by Bid Price in descending order (merit-order). Bid 1 shall be the Bid with the highest Bid Price and Bid n shall be the Bid with the lowest Bid Price. The Allocation Platform shall calculate the maximum payment obligations according to the following equation:

$$MPO = \sum_{hours} \text{Max} [\underset{i=1}{\overset{n-1}{\text{Bid Price (1)} * \text{Bid Quantity (1)}}; \underset{i=1}{\overset{n}{\text{Bid Price (2)} * \sum \text{Bid Quantity (i)}}}; \dots \\ \dots; \underset{i=1}{\text{Bid Price (n - 1)} * \sum \text{Bid Quantity (i)}}; \underset{i=1}{\text{Bid Price (n)} * \sum \text{Bid Quantity (i)}}]$$

6. When calculating the maximum payment obligations according to paragraph 5 of this Article, the Allocation Platform shall also take the following into account:

(a) increase of the maximum payment obligations with applicable taxes and levies in force subject to Article 50

Article 32

Day Ahead Auction Results Determination

1. After the expiration of the Bidding Period for a Day Ahead Auction and the Credit Limit verification pursuant to Article 31, the Allocation Platform shall determine the Day Ahead Auction results in accordance with this Article.

2. The Day Ahead Auction results determination shall include the following:

(a) determination of the total quantity of the allocated Transmission Rights per border and direction;

(b) identification of winning Bids to be fully or partially satisfied; and

(c) determination of the Marginal Price per border and direction.

3. The Allocation Platform shall determine the Day Ahead Auction results using an optimization function aiming at maximization of the sum of the Registered Participants' surplus and the Congestion Income generated by the winning Bids while respecting the constraints of the optimization function in form of relevant Offered Capacities. The Allocation Platform shall publish additional explanatory information on the optimization function of the algorithm on its website.
4. The Allocation Platform shall determine the Marginal Price at each border and direction based on the following criteria:
 - (a) if the total quantity of Cross Zonal Capacity for which valid Bids have been submitted is lower than or equal to the relevant Offered Capacity for the relevant Auction, then the Marginal Price shall be zero;
 - (b) if the total quantity of Cross Zonal Capacity for which valid Bids have been submitted exceeds the relevant Offered Capacity for the relevant Auction, the Marginal Price shall be set at the lowest Bid(s) Price(s) allocated in full or in part using the respective Offered Capacities.
5. If two (2) or more Registered Participants have submitted for one border and direction valid Bids with the same Bid Price, that cannot be accepted in full for the total requested quantity of Transmission Rights, the Allocation Platform shall determine the winning Bids and the quantity of the allocated Transmission Rights per Registered Participant as follows:
 - (a) the Cross Zonal Capacity available for the Bids which set the Marginal Price shall be divided equally between the number of the Registered Participants which submitted these Bids;
 - (b) in case the quantity of Transmission Rights requested by a Registered Participant at Marginal Price is lower than or equal to the share calculated according to item (a) above, the request of this Registered Participant shall be fully satisfied;
 - (c) in case the requested quantity of Transmission Rights by a Registered Participant at Marginal Price exceeds the share calculated according to item (a) above, the request of this Registered Participant shall be satisfied up to the amount of the share as calculated according to item (a) above;
 - (d) any remaining Cross Zonal Capacity after the allocation according to items (b) and (c) shall be divided by the number of the Registered Participants whose requests have not been fully satisfied and allocated to them applying the process described in items (a), (b) and (c) above.
6. Whenever the calculation set forth in paragraphs 3 of this Article does not result in a whole MW amount in accordance with Article 21 the Transmission Rights shall be rounded down to the nearest full MW. The case when Transmission Rights allocated to individual Registered Participants are equal to zero after rounding shall not impact the Marginal Price determination.

Article 33

Notification of Day Ahead Auction results

1. The Transmission Rights are deemed to have been allocated to a Registered Participant from the moment the Registered Participant has been informed of the Results and, where applicable, at the latest 1 hour and 30 minutes after the Auction results are notified in accordance with Article 32.
2. The Allocation Platform shall publish on its website the Day Ahead Auction results in accordance with Article 19.
3. The publication of the Day Ahead Auction results for each bidding zone border included in the Day Ahead Auction shall comprise at least the following data:
 - (a) total requested Transmission Rights in MW;
 - (b) total allocated Transmission Rights in MW;
 - (c) Marginal Price in EUR/MW per hour;
 - (d) number of Registered Participants participating in the Day Ahead Auction;
 - (e) number of Registered Participants who placed at least one winning Bid in the Day Ahead Auction;
 - (f) list of registered Bids without identification of the Registered Participants (bid curve); and
 - (g) Congestion Income Day Ahead Auctions per bidding zone border.
4. No later than 30 minutes after the publication of the Day Ahead Auction results the Allocation Platform shall make available via the Auction Tool and shall notify to each Registered Participant who submitted a Bid to a specific Day Ahead Auction for each border included in the Day Ahead Auction at least the following data:
 - (a) allocated Transmission Rights for each hour of the Product Period in MW;
 - (b) Marginal Price in EUR/MW per hour; and
 - (c) due amount for allocated Transmission Rights in Euros, rounded to two decimal places.
5. In the event that the Day Ahead Auction Tool is unavailable, the Allocation Platform shall inform the Registered Participants of the Auction Results in accordance with CHAPTER 6.

Article 34

Contestation of Day Ahead Auction Results

1. The Registered Participant may contest the Day Ahead Auction results within the deadline set out in the relevant Auction Specification. The Allocation Platform shall only consider a contestation where the Registered Participant is able to demonstrate an error by the Allocation Platform in the Day Ahead Auction results.
2. The contestation shall be notified to the Allocation Platform and headed as “contestation”.
3. Any contestation shall contain the following:
 - (a) date;

- (b) identification of contested Day Ahead Auction;
 - (c) identification of the Registered Participant;
 - (d) name, e-mail address and telephone number of the Registered Participant;
 - (e) detailed description of the facts and the reason for contestation; and
 - (f) evidence of erroneous Day Ahead Auction results;
4. The Allocation Platform shall reply to the Registered Participant no later than 1 hour and 30 minutes after the Auction results have been notified to the Registered Participants.
 5. 1 hour and 30 minutes after the Day Ahead Auction Results have been notified and unless a Day Ahead Auction is cancelled due to erroneous results, the Day Ahead Auction results shall be considered binding with no further notification.
 6. If the Registered Participant does not contest the Auction results within the deadline and under the condition specified above or in the Auction Specification, the Registered Participant shall be irrevocably deemed to renounce to any contestation. After the contestation period, the Day Ahead Auction results shall be considered binding with no further notification.

Article 35

Day Ahead Auction cancellation

1. In case the Allocation Platform cancels a Day Ahead Auction, all Bids already submitted, and any results of the respective Auction shall be deemed null and void.
2. The Allocation Platform shall inform all Registered Participants without undue delay, of the Day Ahead Auction cancellation by notification published in the Auction Tool and on webpage of Allocation Platform and by e-mail.
3. A Day Ahead Auction cancellation may be announced in the following cases:
 - (a) before the Auction results publication in case the Allocation Platform faces technical obstacles during the Day Ahead Auction process like a failure of standard processes; and
 - (b) during the contestation period, in the event of erroneous results due to incorrect Marginal Price calculation or incorrect allocation of Transmission Rights to Registered Participants or similar reasons.
4. In case of Day Ahead Auction cancellation before the Cross Zonal Capacity is deemed to be allocated, no compensation shall be paid to the Registered Participants.
5. Capacity is deemed to have been allocated to a Registered Participant from the moment the Registered Participant has been informed of the Auction results and the Contestation Period is closed.
6. The Allocation Platform shall publish on its website, without undue delay, the reasons for the Day Ahead Auction cancellation.

CHAPTER 5

Use of Day Ahead Transmission Rights

Article 36

General principles

1. Day Ahead Transmission Rights allocated in Auctions shall be subject to the Use It or Lose It principle (as of any applicable UIOLI Deadline) with no financial compensation.
2. A Registered Participant holding Day Ahead Transmission Rights may nominate the Day Ahead Transmission Rights for its physical use in accordance with Article 37. In such case, the energy accounts of a Registered Participant on each side of the interconnector will be updated taking into account the appropriate loss factor as defined in the Day Ahead and Intraday Nomination Rules.

Article 37

Nomination of Transmission Rights

1. Registered Participants eligible to nominate Day Ahead Transmission Rights shall fulfil the requirement described in applicable Nomination Rules.
2. The Nomination shall be done in compliance with the Rights Document.
3. The relevant Nomination Rules are the Day Ahead and Intraday Nomination Rules. The applicable nomination deadlines are set forth in the relevant Nomination Rules. The Allocation Platform shall publish information on its website on the nomination deadlines. In case of any discrepancy between the deadlines published by the Allocation Platform and those of the valid and legally binding relevant Nomination Rules, the latter shall prevail, and the Allocation Platform shall not be held liable for any damages due to such a discrepancy.

Article 38

Rights Document

1. The Rights Document shall contain the information about the volume in MW that eligible persons are entitled to nominate on which interconnector(s), on which border(s) and, in which directions and for which hourly periods.
2. The Allocation Platform shall send it daily and no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the results are sent. The Rights Document shall be considered provisional until the end of the Contestation Period.

Article 39

[not used]

CHAPTER 6

Fallback Procedures

Article 40

General provisions

1. The Allocation Platform shall, to the extent reasonably practicable organize a fallback procedure in case of failure of a standard process:
 - (a) introduction of a fallback procedure for data exchange according to Article 41;
 - (b) introduction of a fallback procedure for eligible person notification to the Allocation Platform, according to Article 42.
 - (c) another ad hoc fallback procedure if considered appropriate by the Allocation Platform to overcome any technical obstacles.
2. The Allocation Platform shall inform Registered Participants of possible deviations from the standard processes and the application of a fallback procedure via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website and the Allocation Platform's website and using the Auction Tool.
3. Registered Participants shall immediately inform the Allocation Platform of any observed problems with the use of the Auction Tool and all potential consequences via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. In case of an urgent problem, which shall be solved immediately, and which is identified during Working Hours, the Registered Participant shall immediately contact the Allocation Platform by phone at the telephone number indicated on the website of the Allocation Platform for this type of problems.

Article 41

Fallback procedure for data exchange

1. In case of a failure at the site of the Allocation Platform of the standard processes for data exchange via the Auction Tool as described in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, the Allocation Platform may inform Registered Participants that a fallback procedure for data exchange may be used as follows:
 - (a) by the applicable deadlines unless otherwise announced by the Allocation Platform the Registered Participant shall request the Allocation Platform by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website to enter the relevant data into the Auction Tool by using this fallback procedure for data exchange;
 - (b) with the request the Registered Participant shall provide to the Allocation Platform in the format specified in the Information System Rules the relevant data to be entered in the Auction Tool;
 - (c) the Allocation Platform shall enter the submitted data into the Auction Tool;
 - (d) the Allocation Platform may set in Information System Rules an identification process for the Registered Participant at the moment when the Registered Participant submits the relevant operational or commercial data and requests the Allocation Platform to enter this data into

the Auction Tool on its behalf by means of the fallback procedure. If the Registered Participant or the person authorized by the Registered Participant for this purpose does not clearly identify itself, the Allocation Platform shall be entitled not to perform the data entry;

(e) the Registered Participant shall provide the Allocation Platform with a telephone number, which can be used in case of a necessary communication;

(f) once the Allocation Platform has entered the provided data into the Auction Tool on behalf of the Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform shall inform, without undue delay, the Registered Participant by telephone and/or via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website of the entry; and

(g) the Allocation Platform shall under no circumstances be held responsible if it fails to reach the Registered Participant through the means of communication above or if it fails to enter the data correctly via the fallback procedure.

2. In case of application of the fallback procedure for data exchange, all necessary information which is made available via the Auction Tool during the standard processes may be distributed to the Registered Participants by the Allocation Platform, by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website or where appropriate published on the website of the Allocation Platform.

Article 42

Fallback procedure for eligible person notification

1. In case of failure in the standard process of eligible person notification to the Allocation Platform via the Auction Tool as set forth in Article 37, the Allocation Platform may apply the fallback procedure for data exchange in accordance with Article 41.

2. The Allocation Platform shall publish information about the possibility to use the fallback procedure for data exchange in due time before the expiration of the deadline for eligible person notification.

3. In case the fallback procedure for data exchange cannot be executed as necessary to enable the registration of the eligible person, the eligible person shall be deemed notified as set forth in Information System Rules and the Allocation Platform may not be held responsible for the failure of the fallback procedure.

Article 42A

Postponement of Day Ahead Auction

1. The postponement of the Auction shall be the default fallback procedure for Auctions.

2. The Allocation Platform shall:

(a) where reasonably practicable postpone an Auction by notifying Registered Participants of the revised time of the new Auction; or

(b) cancel the initial Auction according to Article 35 and organise a new Auction of the Auction for the same Product Period.

3. If the postponement of the Auction is announced after the Bidding Period has opened, the Allocation Platform may extend the closing time of the auction closure.
4. If the fallback procedure described in paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article cannot be implemented for the same Product Period, the Allocation Platform shall offer the respective Cross Zonal Capacities in subsequent Capacity Allocation process.
5. The Allocation Platform shall inform all Registered Participants, without undue delay, of the postponement by notification published in the Auction Tool and/or on the webpage of the Allocation Platform and/or by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website.

CHAPTER 7

Curtailement

Article 43

Triggering events and consequences of curtailement on Transmission Rights

1. Transmission Rights allocated in Day Ahead Auctions shall not be curtailed except in the case of Force Majeure or emergency situation.
2. Each Registered Participant affected by curtailement shall lose its right to nominate for physical use the concerned Physical Transmission Rights.
3. In case of curtailement, the affected Registered Participant is entitled to receive reimbursement according to Article 46.

Article 44

Process and notification of curtailement

1. In all cases curtailement shall be carried out by the Allocation Platform based on a request by one or more TSO(s) at the bidding zone border where Transmission Rights have been allocated.
2. Allocation Platform shall notify the affected holders of Transmission Rights as soon as possible of a curtailement of Transmission Rights, including the triggering event via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website, the Auction Tool and on the webpage of the Allocation Platform. The notification shall identify the affected Transmission Rights, the affected volume in MW per hour for each concerned period, the triggering event for curtailement as described in Article 43 and the amount of Transmission Rights that remain after the curtailement.
3. The Allocation Platform shall publish the triggering events for curtailement in accordance with Article 43 including their estimated duration on its website as soon as possible.
4. The curtailement of Transmission Rights during a specific time period shall be applied to all Transmission Rights of the concerned periods on a pro rata basis, depending on when the curtailement takes place, which means in proportion to the held Transmission Rights, regardless of the time of allocation.
5. For each affected Registered Participant, remaining aggregate Transmission Rights which have not been curtailed shall be rounded down to the nearest MW.

Article 45

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Article 46

Reimbursement for curtailments due to Force Majeure or emergency situation

1. In the case of Force Majeure and/or emergency situation, holders of curtailed Transmission Rights shall be entitled to receive a reimbursement which for each affected hour and Registered Participant shall be calculated as:

(a) the Marginal Price of the initial Auction; multiplied by

(b) the volume in MW per hour corresponding to the difference between the Transmission Rights held by the Registered Participant before and after the curtailment.

Article 47

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CHAPTER 8
Invoicing and Payment

Article 48

General Principles

1. A Registered Participant shall pay the amounts due as calculated in accordance with Article 49 for all Physical Transmission Rights allocated to him.
2. The Registered Participant may upon payment use the Cross Zonal Capacity connected with the allocated Physical Transmission Rights as described in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules only. Any right for physical use of the transmission system in case of a Physical Transmission Rights may be subject to separate agreements between the Registered Participant and the concerned TSOs.
3. All financial information, prices and amounts due shall be expressed and paid in Euros (€) except if deviations are required by Applicable Law or regulations.
4. The payment shall be settled on the date upon which the given amount is credited to the account of the beneficiary. Any interest for late payment shall be considered as settled on the date when the payment was credited from the account of the payer.
5. The Allocation Platform shall consider taxes and levies at the rate and to the extent applicable when assessing payment obligations and issuing invoices under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules subject to Article 50.
6. The Registered Participant shall provide the Allocation Platform with relevant information for justifying whether or not respective taxes and levies are applicable when signing the Day Ahead Participation Agreement as well as any changes in this respect without undue delay. Therefore, the Registered Participant agrees to inform the Allocation Platform of any local, intra-community, or

extra-community taxes and levies which are in line with the legislation of the Registered Participant's country of establishment.

Article 49

Calculation of due amounts

1. Registered Participants shall pay for each of the Transmission Rights allocated to them and for each individual hour an amount equal to:

(a) the Marginal Price (per MW per hour); multiplied by

(b) the sum of Transmission Rights in MW allocated in individual hours of the Product Period in accordance with Article 32.

2. The Transmission Rights will be invoiced on a monthly basis. The Allocation Platform shall calculate the due amount to be paid retroactively for the preceding month. The amount due plus any applicable taxes, duties, or other charges, shall be rounded to two decimal places.

Article 50

Tax Gross-up

1. Each Registered Participant must settle all payments with respect to the Day Ahead Allocation Rules without any tax deduction, unless a tax deduction is required by law.

2. If a tax deduction is required by law to be made by a Registered Participant, the amount of the payment due from the Registered Participant to the Allocation Platform will be increased to an amount which (after making the tax deduction) leaves an amount equal to the payment which would have been due if no tax deduction had been required.

3. Paragraph 2 of this Article does not apply with respect to any tax assessed on the Allocation Platform on any payment received in connection with the Day Ahead Allocation Rules under the national laws of the jurisdiction in which the Allocation Platform is incorporated or, if different, the jurisdiction (or jurisdictions) in which the Allocation Platform is treated as resident for tax purposes or has or is deemed for tax purposes to have a permanent establishment or a fixed place of business to which any payment under the Day Ahead Allocation Rules is attributable. Paragraph 2 of this Article does not apply to value added tax as provided for under Applicable Law and/or any other applicable national legislation as amended from time to time and any other tax of a similar nature.

Article 51

Invoicing and payment conditions

1. The payment will be settled at the next fixed invoice date.

2. The Allocation Platform shall issue invoices for payments for all Transmission Rights on a monthly basis and no later than the tenth (10th) Working Day of each month.

3. The invoices shall be issued for the amount due set forth in Article 48.

4. The Allocation Platform shall send the invoice via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website to the Registered Participant at the e-mail address of the financial contact person submitted in accordance with Article 8(h) or it should make it available to the Registered Participant via the Auction Tool. The date of issuance of the invoice shall be the date on which the

invoice is sent by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website or the date when the invoice is made available via the Auction Tool if this is done during Working Hours or the next Working Day if sent after Working Hours.

5. In the cases of curtailment of Transmission Rights, the invoices shall take into account any payments to be credited to the Registered Participant. The payments to be credited to the Registered Participants shall:

(a) be settled through self-billing mechanism which shall allow the Allocation Platform to issue invoices in the name and on behalf of the Registered Participant; and

(b) be notified through the same invoice as the one used for the payments of the Registered Participant as set forth in paragraph 4 of this Article.

6. The payments due shall be netted by the Allocation Platform taking into account the amount as set forth in paragraph 2 and 5 of this Article.

7. If the balance of the payments as set forth in paragraph 3 and 5 of this Article results in a net payment from the Registered Participant to the Allocation Platform, the Registered Participant shall settle this balance within five (5) Working Days after the date of issuance of the invoice.

8. Payments by the Registered Participant as set forth in paragraph 7 of this Article shall be collected as follows:

(a) based on the standard procedure, the Allocation Platform shall collect the payment automatically from the dedicated Business Account of the Registered Participant on the respective due date of the invoice; or

(b) alternatively, the Registered Participant shall ensure payment through a non-automated transaction to the account of the Allocation Platform specified on the invoice by indicating the invoice reference.

9. The alternative procedure may be used upon request of the Registered Participant and with the consent of the Allocation Platform. The Registered Participant shall notify the Allocation Platform by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website the request to use the alternative procedure at least two (2) Working Days before the date of issuing of the next invoice as set forth in paragraph 2 of this Article. Once the alternative procedure is agreed, it shall be deemed to be valid until otherwise agreed between the Registered Participant and the Allocation Platform.

10. If the balance of the payments as set forth in paragraph 2 and 5. of this Article results in a net payment from the Allocation Platform to the Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform shall pay this balance within seven (7) Working Days after the date of issuance of the invoice to the bank account as announced during the accession process in accordance with Article 8 paragraph 1(g) by the Registered Participant who is entitled to the payments at the due date.

11. In case of an erroneous invoice resulting in an additional payment of the Allocation Platform or the Registered Participant the Allocation Platform shall correct the invoice and any due amount shall be settled as soon as they have been notified to Registered Participant.

12. Bank fees of the payer's bank shall be covered by the payer. Bank fees of the receiving bank shall be covered by the beneficiary. Bank fees of any intermediary bank shall be covered by the Registered Participant.

13. The Registered Participant shall not be entitled to offset any amount, or withhold any debts arising in connection with obligations resulting from a Day Ahead Auction, against any claims towards the Allocation Platform, whether or not arising out of a Day Ahead Auction. Nevertheless, the right to offset and the right to withhold are not excluded in case the Registered Participant's claim against Allocation Platform is established by a legally binding judgement or is uncontested.

Article 52

Payment disputes

1. A Registered Participant may dispute the amount of an invoice including any amounts to be credited to the Registered Participant. In this case, the Registered Participant shall notify the nature of the dispute and the amount in dispute to the Allocation Platform as soon as practicable and in any event within fifteen (15) Working Days after the date of issuance of the invoice or credit note by registered mail and electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website. Beyond this period, the invoice shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Registered Participant.

2. If the Registered Participant and the Allocation Platform are unable to resolve the difference within ten (10) Working days after the notification, the procedure for the dispute resolution in accordance with Article 56 shall apply.

3. A dispute shall in no way relieve the Party from the obligation to pay the amounts due as set forth in Article 51.

4. If it is agreed or determined based upon the dispute resolution procedure as set forth in Article 56 that an amount paid or received by the Registered Participant was not properly payable, the following process shall apply:

(a) the Allocation Platform shall refund any amount including interest to be calculated according to Article 49 the Registered Participant in case that the amount paid by the Registered Participant as set forth in Article 51 was higher or the amount paid by the Allocation Platform was lower than the due amount. The Allocation Platform shall make the payment to the bank account indicated by the Registered Participant for this reimbursement in accordance with Article 8.

(b) the Registered Participant shall pay any amount including interest to be calculated according to Article 49 to the Allocation Platform in case that the amount paid by the Registered Party as set forth in Article 51 was lower than the due amount. The Registered Participant shall make the payment in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 51.

5. The interest paid in case of a payment in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article shall be applied from the first (1st) day following the date on which the payment was due up to the date on which the disputed amount was refunded and it shall apply also to all taxes and levies required by law.

Article 53

Late payment and payment incident

1. In case the Registered Participant has not fully paid an invoice by the due date specified on the invoice, the Allocation Platform shall notify the Registered Participant that a payment incident will be registered if the amount including applicable interest due is not received within three (3) Working Days upon sending of the notification. In case of no payment within the deadline, the Allocation Platform shall notify the Registered Participant that the payment incident was registered.

2. The Allocation Platform may suspend or terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement immediately after registration of the payment incident as referenced above (in accordance with Articles 57 and 58) and/or the Allocation Platform may call on the Registered Participant's collaterals in accordance with Article 24.

3. In case of late payment or refund, the Parties shall pay interest on the amount due from the date of the payment until the date on which the payment is done. The interest shall be equal to the highest amount of:
 - a. a flat rate of 100 €; or
 - b. eight (8) percentage points per annum above the reference interest rate as officially published by the national authorities of the country in which the Allocation Platform is located and round up to the nearest half percentage point.

CHAPTER 9 Miscellaneous

Article 54

Duration and amendment of Day Ahead Allocation Rules

1. The Day Ahead Allocation Rules are of indefinite duration and are subject to amendment in accordance with this Article. These Day Ahead Allocation Rules and any amendments thereof shall be consulted upon and enter into force in accordance with the National Regulatory Authorities. The Allocation Platform shall publish the amended Day Ahead Allocation Rules and send an amendment notice to Registered Participants.

2. Subject to Article 4 (3), an amendment shall enter into force at the date and time specified in the amendment notice but no less than twenty eight (28) calendar days after the amendment notice is sent to Registered Participants by the Allocation Platform.

3. Each amendment shall apply to all aspects of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, including but not limited to all Day Ahead Auctions conducted after the date on which the amendment takes effect.

4. Any amendment of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall apply automatically to the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in force between the Allocation Platform and the Registered

Participant, without the need for the Registered Participant to sign a new Day Ahead Participation Agreement but without prejudice to the Registered Participant's right to request the termination of its Day Ahead Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 58. By participating in the Day Ahead Auction after the Registered Participant was informed about the changes and/or adaptations of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules and after these changes and/or adaptations of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules entered into force, it is deemed that the Registered Participant has accepted the changes, i.e. the valid and effective version of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

5. The Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall be periodically reviewed by the Allocation Platform at least every two years involving the Registered Participants. This biennial review is without prejudice of the competence of National Regulatory Authorities to request at any time amendments of the Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the annexes included thereto in accordance with the existing legislation.

6. These Allocation Rules are subject to the legislation prevailing at the time at which they take effect. In the event that there is a change in legislation or any action by competent authorities at national level which have an effect on these Allocation Rules then, notwithstanding any other provision of these Allocation Rules, the Allocation Rules shall be amended accordingly and pursuant to this Article.

7. Registered Participants may request in writing amendments to these Access Rules and the Allocation Platform shall consider such requested amendments as appropriate. In this event the Allocation Platform shall, within 5 Business Days, confirm receipt of the proposed amendment and provide timescales for consideration of the proposal.

Article 55 **Liability**

1. The Allocation Platform and the Registered Participants are solely responsible for the fulfilment of any obligation they undertake or are subject to and which arises from or is in connection with the Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

2. Subject to any other provisions of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules the Allocation Platform shall only be liable for damages caused by:

(a) fraud, gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

(b) death or personal injury arising from its negligence or that of its employees, agents or subcontractors.

3. A Registered Participant shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Allocation Platform and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all loss or liability (including legal costs) related to a damage that it has caused, which any of them may suffer or incur by reason of any claim by any third party on account of any and all loss (whether direct or indirect) suffered by the claimant or any of the claimant's officers, agents, subcontractors or employees in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

4. The Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant acknowledges and agrees that it holds the benefit of paragraph 3 of this Article for itself and as trustee and agent for its officers, employees and agents.

5. The Registered Participant shall be solely responsible for its participation in Day Ahead Auctions including but not limited to the following cases:
- (a) the timely arrival of Bids by the Registered Participant;
 - (b) technical failure of the information system on the side of the Registered Participant preventing the communication via the channels foreseen in accordance with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
6. The Registered Participant shall be liable with respect to any sanctions, penalties, or charges that may be imposed by financial authorities on the Allocation Platform for incorrect tax treatment due to wrong or incomplete information provided by the Registered Participant.
7. This Article survives the termination of the Registered Participant's Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

Article 56

Dispute resolution

1. Without prejudice to paragraphs 6 and 8 of this Article, where there is a dispute the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant shall first seek amicable settlement through mutual consultation pursuant to paragraph 2. For this purpose, the Party raising the dispute shall send a notification to the other party indicating:
- (a) the existence of a Day Ahead Participation Agreement between the Parties;
 - (b) the reason for the dispute; and
 - (c) a proposal for a future meeting, physical or not, with a view to settle the dispute amicably.
2. The Parties shall meet within twenty (20) Working Days after the matter has been referred to them and seek to resolve the dispute. If no agreement is reached or no response received within a period of thirty (30) Working Days from the date of the aforementioned notification, either Party may refer the matter to the senior management of the Parties to resolve the dispute pursuant to paragraph 3.
3. The senior representative of each of the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant with authority to resolve the dispute shall meet within twenty (20) Working Days of a request to meet and seek to resolve the dispute. If the representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within twenty (20) Working Days of the meeting or such longer time as may be agreed, then the dispute shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with paragraph 4.
4. Where a dispute is to be referred to arbitration under paragraph 3, either the Allocation Platform or the Registered Participant may give notice to the other stating the nature of the dispute and referring the dispute to arbitration. Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The arbitration shall be conducted before one (1) arbitrator to be nominated upon agreement of the Parties unless a Party requests the appointment of three (3) arbitrators. In case of one (1) arbitrator, the Parties shall agree on the nomination of the arbitrator within two (2) months after the notice was given by the Party referring the dispute to arbitration. If no agreement can be found, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the

ICC Court. In case of three (3) arbitrators, the claimant shall nominate one (1) arbitrator and the respondent shall nominate one (1) arbitrator. The arbitrators nominated by each Party shall then nominate the chairman of the arbitral tribunal within three (3) Working Days from the confirmation of the appointment of the second arbitrator by the respondent. If the arbitrators nominated by each party cannot agree on the appointment of the chairman, the chairman shall be appointed by the ICC Court. The arbitration shall take place in the location of the Allocation Platform unless otherwise defined in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement and in accordance with the governing law of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules while the language of the arbitration proceedings shall be English. The emergency arbitrator provisions according to the Rules of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce shall not apply but the interim or injunctive relief measures under the governing law shall apply.

5. Arbitration awards shall be final and binding on the Allocation Platform and the relevant Registered Participant as from the date that they are made. The Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant shall carry out any award of an arbitrator relating to any dispute without delay and each waive their right to any form of appeal or recourse to a court of law or other judicial authority, in so far as such waiver may validly be made.

6. Notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, the Parties may jointly agree to apply court proceedings instead of arbitration to settle a dispute arisen in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

7. In cases of late payment and notwithstanding Article 53 and paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Article, a Party may bring court proceedings against the other Party for any amount due under or in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and unpaid for more than twenty (20) Working Days after the date the amounts were due.

8. The Parties agree that proceedings referred to in paragraph 6 or paragraph 7 may be brought in any competent court to hear such claim. The Registered Participant irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter regarding the venue of such proceedings in any competent court and any claim that any such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

9. Notwithstanding any reference to amicable settlement, expert resolution or arbitration under this Article, the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant shall continue to perform their respective obligations under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Registered Participant's Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

10. This Article survives the termination of the Registered Participant's Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

Article 57

Suspension of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement

1. The Allocation Platform may by notice to the Registered Participant suspend the Registered Participant's rights in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules with immediate effect if the Registered Participant commits a major breach of an obligation in connection with these Allocation Rules which may have a significant impact to the Allocation Platform as follows:

- (a) if a Registered Participant fails to pay any amount properly due and owing to the Allocation Platform pursuant to Article 53;
- (b) any breach which may have a significant financial impact to the Allocation Platform and if a Registered Participant fails to provide and maintain collaterals in accordance with Article 23;
- (c) the Allocation Platform has reasonable grounds that the Registered Participant no longer satisfies one or more of any other conditions to participate in Day Ahead Auctions according to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules unless termination applies according to Article 58; and
- (d) If the Registered Participant is under economic and/or trade sanctions.

2. In any case of a minor breach in relation to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules such as but not limited to the failure of the Registered Participant to notify a change in the submitted information in accordance with Article 8, the Allocation Platform may by notice to the Registered Participant inform the Registered Participant's that its rights in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules may be suspended unless the Registered Participant remedies the suspension event in the time period specified in the notice. The suspension shall take effect when the period specified for remedy has elapsed without that such remedy has taken place. After the suspension takes effect in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the suspended Registered Participant may no longer participate in Day Ahead Auction and, unless the payment of the Transmission Right is fully settled or fully secured by collaterals by the suspended Registered Participant, the suspended Registered Participant shall not be entitled to use Transmission Rights according to CHAPTER 4.

3. The Allocation Platform may withdraw a notice under paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Article at any time. Having given a notice under paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Article, the Allocation Platform may give a further or other notice at any time in respect of the same or a different suspension event.

4. Once the Registered Participant has fulfilled or remedied the suspension event as notified to it in the notice sent by the Allocation Platform, or if sanctions against the Registered Participant have been lifted, the Allocation Platform shall reinstate as soon as reasonably practicable the Registered Participant's rights in relation to use of its allocated Transmission Rights and its ability to participate in Day Ahead Auctions by written notice to the Registered Participant. As from the date of effect of the reinstatement, the Transmission Rights allocated prior to the suspension and which remain unused may be nominated and the Registered Participant may participate in Day Ahead Auctions.

5. If the Allocation Platform gives a notice to a Registered Participant under paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article, such notice of suspension does not relieve the Registered Participant from its payment obligations under CHAPTER 7, including its payment obligations in relation to the Transmission Rights for which the Registered Participant loses the right of use pursuant to paragraph 2.

Article 58

Termination of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement

1. A Registered Participant may at any time request the Allocation Platform to terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement to which the Registered Participant is a Party. The termination shall take effect after thirty (30) Working Days upon receipt of the termination request by the Allocation Platform and all outstanding payment obligations are settled.

2. A Registered Participant may terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement to which the Registered Participant is a Party for good cause when the Allocation Platform has committed a

major breach of an obligation connected with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in the following cases:

- (a) where the Allocation Platform repeatedly fails to pay any amount properly due and owing to the Registered Participant with a significant financial impact;
- (b) where there is a significant breach of the confidentiality obligations in accordance with Article 9

The Registered Participant shall send a notice to the Allocation Platform stating the reason for termination and giving the Allocation Platform twenty (20) Working Days to remedy the breach. Unless the Allocation Platform remedies the breach within the abovementioned deadline, the termination shall take effect immediately upon expiration of such deadline. A holder of Transmission Rights whose Day Ahead Participation Agreement is terminated under this paragraph is under no obligation to pay remaining instalments for the Transmission Rights' and is entitled to a refund to the extent that any instalment includes an amount in respect of use after the date of termination, to be calculated pro-rata from the date termination takes effect.

3. If any of the termination events in paragraph 4 occurs in relation to a Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform may by notice to the Registered Participant terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement, including the Registered Participant's rights connected with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules. A termination under this paragraph takes effect from the time of the notice or any later time specified in it. The Registered Participant may not at a later stage enter into the Day Ahead Participation Agreement with the Allocation Platform until the circumstances of termination continue to exist or it is not sufficiently guaranteed that the breach may not occur again.

4. The termination events referred to in paragraph 3 shall be the following:

- (a) if the rights of the Registered Participant are suspended for longer than thirty (30) Working Days;
- (b) if a Registered Participant does not qualify for the participation in the Day Ahead Auction as set forth in Article 13;
- (c) if a Registered Participant repeatedly breaches these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or a Day Ahead Participation Agreement, whether or not the breach is capable of remedy;
- (d) if a competent authority (i) determines that the Registered Participant has committed a misuse or fraudulent act and (ii) requests the Allocation Platform to terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement to which such Registered Participant is a Party or (iii) agrees that the Allocation Platform has reasonable grounds to believe that the Registered Participant has committed a misuse or fraudulent act in participating in Day Ahead Auctions; or
- (e) if the Registered Participant has taken any action which may lead to the damaging or reduction in effectiveness of the Auction Tool (it being understood that such an action is deemed to happen in case of any behaviour that can be assimilated to an attack on the information system such as, but not limited to, deny of service, spam, virus, brute forcing, Trojan horse attack).

5. After the termination takes effect in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Article and from that time, the Registered Participant may no longer participate in a Day Ahead Auction. CHAPTER

4 shall not apply to such acquired Transmission Rights. For the avoidance of doubt, the Transmission Rights, which the Registered Participant is prohibited from using as a result of termination, may be offered by the Allocation Platform in subsequent Auctions.

6. Termination of a Day Ahead Participation Agreement does not affect any rights and obligations under or in connection with the Day Ahead Participation Agreement and these Day Ahead Allocation Rules which arose prior to that termination unless otherwise specified in this Article. Accordingly, any Registered Participant whose Day Ahead Participation Agreement is terminated will remain liable, subject to and in accordance with the Day Ahead Allocation Rules, in respect of all such rights and liabilities. This paragraph shall apply without prejudice to other remedies available to the Allocation Platform under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 59 **Force Majeure**

1. The Allocation Platform or a Registered Participant, which invokes Force Majeure, shall promptly send to the other Party a notification describing the nature of Force Majeure and its probable duration and shall continue to furnish reports with respect thereto with reasonable frequency during the period of Force Majeure. The Party invoking the Force Majeure shall make every possible effort to limit the consequences of the Force Majeure.

2. The affected obligations, duties and rights of a Party subject to Force Majeure shall be suspended from the beginning of Force Majeure, with the exception of the confidentiality provisions in accordance with Article 61.

3. Suspension under paragraph 2 is subject to the following:

(a) suspension will be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;

(b) the suspension applies only for so long as the Party invoking to Force Majeure is using reasonable efforts to remedy their inability to perform.

4. The consequences of a Force Majeure event, which is not subject to any discussion or litigation between the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant, are:

(a) the Party invoking Force Majeure cannot be held responsible to pay compensation for any damage suffered, due to the non-performance or partial performance of all or any of its obligations during the Force Majeure and when such non-performance or partial performance is due directly to Force Majeure;

(b) the acquired Transmission Rights which have been entirely paid and become subject to Force Majeure are reimbursed for the duration of the Force Majeure in accordance with any applicable legislation and these Day Ahead Allocation Rules; and

(c) where the Transmission Rights' holder is the party claiming the Force Majeure event, the Allocation Platform may, for its own benefit, reallocate the holder's Transmission Rights to the subsequent Auctions and for the duration of the Force Majeure event.

5. If the Force Majeure continues for a period longer than six (6) months, the Allocation Platform or each Registered Participant may, by notice to the other given at any time while the Force Majeure

continues beyond that period, unilaterally terminate the Day Ahead Participation Agreement. The termination shall take effect ten (10) Working Days after the notice is given or any later date specified in the notice. A holder of Transmission Rights whose Day Ahead Participation Agreement is terminated under this paragraph is under no obligation to pay the due amount for the Transmission Rights' and is entitled to a refund to the extent that any payment includes an amount in respect of use after the date of termination, to be calculated pro-rata from the date termination takes effect.

Article 60

Notices

1. Any notice or other communication to be given under or in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall be in English.
2. Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, all notices or other communications shall be in writing and shall be sent by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website and marked for the attention of the other Party's representative as set out in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement or as notified by the Registered Participant from time to time in accordance with Article 8.
3. All notices or other communications shall be given by letter delivered by hand against receipt or sent by registered mail or courier in the following cases:
 - (a) the conclusion of the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 6; and
 - (b) the suspension and termination according to Article 57 and Article 58.
4. All notices or other communications shall be deemed to have been received:
 - (a) in the case of delivery by hand, when delivered against receipt; or
 - (b) in the case of recorded delivery prepaid post, on the day following the recorded day of delivery; or
 - (c) the submission of the Bank Guarantee, in the event the Bank Guarantee includes handwritten signature(s), in accordance with Article 19; or
 - (d) in the case of notice being sent by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website, when delivered to the other party but only if an acknowledgement of receipt is requested and obtained by the Party sending the electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website.
5. If a notice or other communication has been received outside normal Working Hours on a Working Day), it is deemed to have been received at the opening of business on the next Working Day.

Article 61

Confidentiality

1. The Day Ahead Participation Agreement and any other information exchanged relating to its preparation and the application of a market participant shall be considered as confidential.

2. Subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant who is a recipient of confidential information in relation to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall preserve the confidentiality of such information and shall not directly or indirectly reveal, report, publish, disclose, transfer or use any item of the confidential information otherwise than for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, the Allocation Platform or a Registered Participant may disclose confidential information of a disclosing Party to a third party with the other Party's prior consent expressed in writing and subject to the condition that the receiving Party has given

assurance that such third party is bound by equivalent confidentiality obligations as set out in these Allocation Rules directly enforceable by the other Party.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article the Allocation Platform or a Registered Participant may disclose confidential information of a disclosing Party:

(a) to the extent expressly permitted or contemplated by the Day Ahead Allocation Rules;

(b) to any person who is one of the directors, officers, employees, agents, advisers or insurers of the recipient and who needs to know the confidential information in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules; as far as required in order to comply with applicable national or EU legislation or any other relevant domestic administrative acts such as grid codes;

(c) as far as required in order to comply with applicable national legislation or any other relevant domestic administrative acts such as grid codes;

(d) as far as required by a court, arbitrator or administrative tribunal or an expert in the course of proceedings before it to which the recipient is a Party;

(e) as may be required by the relevant TSOs for the proper fulfilment of their mission and their obligations in accordance with Applicable Laws and these Day Ahead Allocation Rules by themselves or through agents or advisers; or

(f) as far as required in order to obtain clearances or consents from a competent authority.

5. Moreover, the obligations arising from this Article shall not apply:

(a) if the Party which receives the information can prove that at the time of disclosure, such information was already publicly available;

(b) if the receiving Party provides proof that, since the time of disclosure, the said information has been legally received from a third party or has become publicly available;

(c) to confidential information communicated, in accordance with the legal and regulatory provisions, in an incorporated form from which no item of information specific to a market participant can be deduced;

(d) to information whose publication is explicitly provided for by the present Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

6. The obligations of confidentiality in this Article shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years after termination of the Registered Participant's Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

7. The signature of a Day Ahead Participation Agreement and the exchange of confidential information do not confer any rights to patents, knowledge or any other form of intellectual property concerning information or tools made available or sent by one Party to the other under the terms of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 62

Assignment and subcontracting

1. The Allocation Platform may assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under a Day Ahead Participation Agreement or these Allocation Rules to another Allocation Platform. The Allocation Platform shall notify the Registered Participants of the change sent by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website with acknowledgment of receipt as soon as possible and in any event at least ten (10) Working Days before the date on which the change takes effect.
2. A Registered Participant may not assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under its Ahead Participation Agreement or these Day Ahead Allocation Rules without the prior written consent of the Allocation Platform.
3. Nothing in this Article shall prevent an Allocation Platform or Registered Participant from entering into a subcontracting agreement in relation to this Day Ahead Allocation Rules. Entry into a subcontracting agreement by a Registered Participant does not relieve the Registered Participant of any obligation or liability under its Day Ahead Participation Agreement or these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 63

Governing law

These Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the law of the location of the registered office of the Allocation Platform unless otherwise specified in the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

Article 64

Language

The applicable language for these Day Ahead Allocation Rules shall be English. For the avoidance of doubt, where TSOs need to translate these Day Ahead Allocation Rules into their national language, in the event of inconsistencies between the English version published by the Allocation Platform and any version in another language, the English version published by the Allocation Platform shall prevail.

Article 65

Intellectual property

No Party shall acquire any right, title, license or interest in or to any intellectual property rights of the other Party in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.

Article 66

Relationship of the Parties

1. The relationship of the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant is that of service provider and service user respectively. Except as expressly provided in these Allocation Rules, nothing

contained or implied in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules constitutes or is deemed to constitute the Allocation Platform or a Registered Participant, the partner, agent or legal representative of the other for any purpose whatsoever including create or be deemed to create any partnership, agency, trust between the Parties.

2. The Registered Participant acknowledges that neither the Allocation Platform nor any person acting on behalf of or associated with the Allocation Platform makes any representation, gives any advice or gives any warranty or undertaking of any kind in respect of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, the Day Ahead Participation Agreement or the disclosed information or otherwise in relation to or in connection with these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, the Day Ahead Participation Agreements and the disclosed information or any transaction or arrangement contemplated by these Day Ahead Allocation Rules, the Day Ahead Participation Agreements and the disclosed Information except as specifically provided in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

Article 67

No third party rights

The Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant acknowledge and agree that a person who is not a party to the Day Ahead Participation Agreement between them, including any other market participant, has no rights to enforce these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or the Day Ahead Participation Agreement as between the Allocation Platform and that Registered Participant.

Article 68

Waiver

1. No omission to exercise or delay in exercising any right, power or remedy provided by law or under these Day Ahead Rules shall impair or constitute a waiver of such or any other right, power or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any such right, power or remedy precludes or impairs any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy provided by law or under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules.
2. Any waiver of any right, power or remedy under these Day Ahead Allocation Rules must be in writing and may be given subject to any conditions thought fit by the grantor. Unless otherwise expressly stated, any waiver is effective only in the instance and only for the purpose for which it is given.

Article 69

Entire agreement

These Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement contain or expressly refer to the entire agreement between the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof and expressly exclude any warranty, condition or other undertaking implied at law or by custom and supersedes all previous agreements and understandings between the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant with respect thereto. The Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant acknowledge and confirm that none of them accede to these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or the Day Ahead Participation Agreement in reliance on any representation, warranty or other undertaking (other than where made fraudulently) not fully reflected in the terms of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or the Day Ahead Participation Agreement.

Article 70
Remedies exclusive

The rights and remedies provided by these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement to the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant are exclusive and not cumulative and, to the extent permissible by law, shall exclude and be in place of all substantive (but not procedural) rights or remedies expressed or implied and provided by law or statute in respect of the subject matter of these Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement. Accordingly, the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant hereby waives to the fullest extent possible all such rights and remedies provided by law or statute, and releases each other of them if it is liable to any other of them, its officers, employees and agents to the same extent from all duties, liabilities, responsibilities or obligations provided by law or statute in respect of the matters dealt with in these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement and undertakes not to enforce any of the same except as expressly provided herein.

Article 71
Severability

If any provision of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules or a Day Ahead Participation Agreement is declared invalid, unenforceable or illegal by the courts of any jurisdiction to which it is subject or pursuant to arbitration or by order of any competent authority, such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality shall not prejudice or affect the remaining provisions of these Day Ahead Allocation Rules and the Day Ahead Participation Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality. Any invalid, illegal, void and/or unenforceable part(s) or provision(s) shall be replaced by valid, legal and/or enforceable part(s) or provision(s) in order to achieve the intended economic and legal effect.