



# Part 1

## ElecLink Intraday Allocation Rules

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# CHAPTER 1

## General provisions

### Article 1

#### Subject-matter and scope

1. These Allocation Rules contain the terms and conditions for the allocation of Intraday Transmission Rights on ElecLink Interconnector, it being understood that the Registered Participant will endorse these rules by the signature of the Participation Agreement. In particular, the Allocation Rules for Intraday Capacity Allocation set out the rights and obligations of Registered Participants as well as the requirements for participation in Auctions; they describe the process of Auction, including the determination of Marginal Price as a result of Auction and the process for curtailment of Intraday Transmission Rights and invoicing/payment. These Allocations Rules apply to all Registered Participants on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. The Auctions refer to Interconnector Capacity only and Registered Participants may invoke no other right in connection with the Intraday Transmission Rights allocated to them than the rights in accordance with the provisions of these Allocation Rules for Intraday Capacity Allocation.

### Article 2

#### Definitions and interpretation

1. The following definitions shall apply:

**Accord de Participation** means an Accord de Participation signed by a Registered Participant and Réseau de Transport d'Electricité by which a Registered Participant agrees to abide by the *Règles d'Accès au Réseau Public de Transport Français pour des Importations et des Exportations*;

**Affiliate** means, in relation to any person, any other person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with that person where control is defined as rights, contracts or any other means which, either separately or in combination and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, confer the possibility of exercising decisive influence on an undertaking, in particular by (a) ownership or the right to use all or part of the assets of an undertaking and/or (b) rights or contracts which confer decisive influence on the composition, voting or decisions of the organs of an undertaking;

**Allocation Platform** means the Joint Allocation Platform or such other entity appointed and commissioned by ElecLink to act as an Allocation Platform on its behalf and on its own name for the attribution of intraday Interconnector Capacity through the Auctions as defined in the Participation Agreement;

**Allocation Rules** means the rules for Intraday Capacity Allocation on the ElecLink Interconnector applied by the Allocation Platform (as amended from time to time);

**Auction** means the process by which intraday Interconnector Capacity is offered and allocated to Registered Participants who submit Bid(s);

**Auction Specification** means a list of specific characteristics of a particular Auction, including the nature of 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 Allocation Rules;

**Balancing and Settlement Code** means the code of that name established under the licence granted by the Secretary of State to NESO under Section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 permitting, inter alia, the transmission of electricity in England and Wales;

**Bank Guarantee** means an unconditional and irrevocable standby letter of credit or letter of guarantee issued by a bank;

**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 per MTU of Intraday Transmission Rights;

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

**Bid Value** means the Bid Price multiplied with the Bid Quantity;

**Bidding Period** means the time period within which the Registered Participants willing to participate in an Auction may validly 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;

**Capacity Shortage** has the meaning set out in Article 39A of these Allocation Rules;

**Congestion Income** means the revenues received as a result of capacity allocation;

**Connection and Use of System Code** means the code of that name established under the licence granted by the Secretary of State to NESO under Section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 permitting, inter alia, the transmission of electricity in England and Wales;

**Contract Day** means, in relation to a Contract Day D, a period of twenty-four (24) hours commencing at 00:00 hours on day D;

**Credit Limit** means the amount of the collaterals which may be used to cover any Bid submission in subsequent Auctions and is not used for outstanding payment obligations;

**Curtailment Quantity** means, in relation to an emergency situation or a Force Majeure, the quantity calculated under CHAPTER 6;

**Default Nomination** means the automatic generation and submission of Nominations by the Nomination Platform, activated in advance by a PTR holder, or an authorised third party, to ElecLink in accordance with the Nomination Rules, in respect of a particular Timescale;

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

**ElecLink Interconnector** means the 1 000 MW high-voltage direct current electricity interconnector between France and Great Britain which passes through the Channel Tunnel and

owned by ElecLink Limited ("**ElecLink**"), a company registered in England and Wales with registration number 07595420;

**ElecLink Interconnector Licence** means the electricity interconnector licence granted to ElecLink under Section 6(1)(e) of the Electricity Act 1989;

**Force Majeure** means any unforeseeable or unusual event or situation beyond the reasonable control of a Party and/or ElecLink, and not due to a fault of the Party and/or ElecLink, 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 ElecLink, which has actually happened and is objectively verifiable, and which makes it impossible for the Party and/or ElecLink to fulfil, temporarily or permanently, its obligations;

**GB Grid Code** means the document referred to as the Grid Code in the transmission licence granted by the Secretary of State to NESO under Section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989;

**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 Capacity** means the right of use of the ElecLink Interconnector made available by the Allocation Platform in auctions, to facilitate the transmission of energy by Registered Participants between Great Britain and France, to the extent that the Net Transfer Capacity permits and as provided for in these Allocation Rules;

**Intraday Capacity Allocation** means the attribution of intraday Interconnector Capacity through an Auction;

**Intraday Transmission Right** means for the purposes of these Allocation Rules a Physical Transmission Right acquired in the Intraday Capacity Allocation;

**Joint Allocation Platform** means the Joint Allocation Office S.A., a company registered in Luxembourg with registration number B 142.282;

**Marginal Price** means the price determined at particular Auction to be paid by all the Registered Participants for each MW per MTU of acquired Intraday Transmission Right;

**Market Time Unit** or **MTU** means the Market Time Unit that is set on the Allocation and/or Nomination Platform;

**Mid-Interconnector Nomination** or **MIN** has the meaning given to it in the Nomination Rules;

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

**Net Transfer Capacity** or **NTC** means the capability (in MW, at mid-interconnector) of the ElecLink Interconnector to transmit electrical energy between Great Britain (GB) and France via the ElecLink Interconnector taking into account the effects of any event or circumstance affecting such capability at any relevant time, including events or circumstances on the GB transmission system or the French transmission system or disconnection or de-energisation of the ElecLink Interconnector from either of those transmission systems;

**Netting** means the superposition of MINs in two opposite directions (France-Great Britain and Great Britain-France), in order to release some capacity in the more congested direction for the next allocation step, and "Netted" shall have corresponding meaning;

**NESO** means National Energy System Operator, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number or its successors;

**Nomination** means the use of intraday Interconnector Capacity by a PTR holder, or an authorised third party, to ElecLink in accordance with the Nomination Rules and “Nominate”, “Nominated” shall have corresponding meanings;

**Nomination Gate** means the relevant time period in which the holder of a Physical Transmission Right on the ElecLink Interconnector is able to Nominate this right;

**Nomination Platform** means the relevant system (established by ElecLink) used by PTR Holders to Nominate PTR’s in the Interconnector;

**Nomination Rules** means nomination rules for ElecLink which are the rules with regard to the notification of use of Physical Transmission Rights to ElecLink;

**Offered Capacity** means the number of units being made available in the unit validity times in an Auction (i.e. the specific MTU period within the Product Period for which the units have been offered in the applicable Auction);

**Outage** means any reduction of NTC in either direction and includes forced outages and trips;

**Participation Agreement** means the agreement by which the Parties undertake to comply with the terms and conditions for Interconnector Capacity allocation as contained in these Allocation Rules;

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

**Physical Transmission Right or PTR** means a right entitling its holder to physically transfer a certain volume of electricity in a certain period of time on the ElecLink Interconnector in a specific direction;

**Pre-Nomination** means Nominations submitted by a PTR holder, or an authorised third party, to ElecLink in accordance with the Nomination Rules before the opening of a specific Nomination Gate and “Pre-Nominate”, “Pre-Nominated” shall have corresponding meanings. A Pre-Nomination becomes a Nomination once the relevant Nomination Gate is open;

**Product Period** means the time and date on which the right to use the Intraday Transmission Right commences and the time and date on which the right to use the Intraday Transmission Right ends;

**Physical Transmission Rights Holder** means a Registered Participant which has been allocated Physical Transmission Right (PTR)’s under the relevant Allocation Rules;

**Registered Participant** means a market participant which entered into the Participation Agreement with the Allocation Platform;

**Règles d’Accès au Réseau Public de Transport Français pour des Importations et des Exportations** means the *Règles d’Accès au Réseau Public de Transport Français pour des Importations et des Exportations* established by RTE in the version published on its website from time to time. These rules define the conditions to access the RTE transmission system for exports and imports;

**Rights Document** means a document issued by the Allocation Platform to a Registered



Participant under these Allocation Rules containing the information of the maximum amount of allocated Physical Transmission Rights that can be Nominated by a Registered Participant on the ElecLink Interconnector per MTU and per direction, 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, a company registered in France with registration number 444619258;

**RTE Grid Code** means the rules, including technical rules, establishing the minimum technical design and operation requirements for connection to the RTE transmission system;

**Timescale** means either long term, daily or intraday period of time;

**Transmission System Operator** means each of NESO in its capacity as operator of the GB transmission system and RTE in its capacity as operator of the French transmission system;

**Use It Or Lose It (UIOLI)** means an automatic application by which the underlying Interconnector Capacity of the non-Nominated Physical Transmission Rights is not available for further capacity allocation and whereby PTR holders that do not Nominate do not have rights to receive a payout;

**Use of System Interconnector Agreement** means an agreement between NESO and a Registered Participant in the form agreed by NESO setting out the terms on which the Registered Participant may use the GB transmission system in relation to energy transmission;

**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 Participation Agreement.

2. In these 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 these 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) any reference to time is a reference to CET/CEST time unless otherwise specified;
- (h) any reference to "CHAPTER" or "Article" is a reference to a chapter or article contained in the Allocation Rules; and

- (i) where the Allocation Platform or ElecLink is required to publish any information under these Allocation Rules, it may do so by making the information or data available on ElecLink or the Allocation Platform website and/or via the Auction Tool.

Article 3  
**Allocation Platform**

1. The Allocation Platform shall undertake the allocation functions in accordance with these Allocation Rules and in accordance with applicable relevant legislation.
2. For the purposes of these Allocation Rules the Allocation Platform shall be the party signing the Participation Agreement with the Registered Participant.
3. For the purpose of the Participation Agreement with the Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform shall publish a consolidated version of these Allocation Rules as they enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes. In case of a conflict between the consolidated version by the Allocation Platform and the Allocation Rules as entered into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes, the latter shall prevail.

Article 4  
**Effective date and application**

1. These Allocation Rules shall enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes upon the approval of the National Regulatory Authorities and on the date as notified by the Allocation Platform.
2. These Allocation Rules apply to capacity allocation of Intraday Transmission Rights with the delivery period to be specified by the Allocation Platform on behalf of ElecLink on its website upon the entry into force of the Allocation Rules.
3. Unless expressly stated otherwise or otherwise required by the applicable governing law, these Allocation Rules shall govern all rights and obligations in connection with Intraday Transmission Rights acquired before the entry into force of these Allocation Rules but with the delivery date after the entry into force of these Allocation Rules

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Requirements and process for participation in Auctions**

#### **Article 5**

##### **General provisions**

1. Market participants may acquire Intraday Transmission Right only from participation in Auctions.
2. The participation in Auctions requires that the market participant:
  - (a) concludes a valid and effective Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 6 to Article 12;
  - (b) has access to the Auction Tool in accordance with Article 14;
  - (c) complies with the requirements for provision of collaterals as specified in CHAPTER 3;
  - (d) accepts additional financial terms where needed in accordance with Article 15; and
  - (e) is compliant with the specific provisions listed:
    - i. its accession to a Use of System Interconnector Agreement with NESO and the Framework Agreement defined in and established under the Connection and Use of System Code;
    - ii. its accession to the Framework Agreement as defined in the Balancing and Settlement Code together with full details of the Production and Consumption Interconnector BM Units registered to the Registered Participant under the Balancing and Settlement Code; and
    - iii. its entry into an Accord de Participation with Réseau de Transport d'Electricité.
3. In any case, market participants have to fulfil the obligations as specified in the relevant Chapters of these Allocation Rules.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Participation Agreement conclusion**

1. At least nine (9) Working Days before the first participation in an Auction, any market participant may apply to be a party to a Participation Agreement by submitting, to the Allocation Platform, two (2) signed copies of the 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 Article 7 to Article 14. The Participation Agreement shall either be signed by handwritten signature(s) or qualified electronic signature(s) (QES). The Allocation Platform shall assess the completeness of the information submitted in accordance with Article 8 and Article 11 within seven (7) Working Days of receipt of the completed and signed Participation Agreement.
2. The Allocation Platform shall before the expiration of the seven (7) Working Days deadline ask the market participant to provide outstanding information which the market participant failed to submit with its 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 Participation Agreement signed by it to the market participant without undue delay. Signature of the 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 Auctions. The Participation Agreement comes into force on the date of signature by the Allocation Platform.
4. In case a market participant is already a Registered Participant at the Allocation Platform it only has to complete the missing/extra requirements described under these Allocation Rules respecting the specificities of the previous paragraph of this Article 6.

#### Article 7

### **Form and content of the Participation Agreement**

1. The form of the 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 Allocation Rules unless otherwise stated in these Allocation Rules.
2. As a minimum, the Participation Agreement will require the market participant to:
  - (a) provide all necessary information in accordance with Article 8; and
  - (b) agree to be bound by and comply with these Allocation Rules.
3. Nothing in these Allocation Rules shall prevent the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant from agreeing in the Participation Agreement additional rules out of scope of these Allocation Rules, including but not limited to the participation in long-term or day-ahead explicit allocation or any fall-back process for day-ahead implicit allocation.
4. In case of difficulty of interpretation, contradiction, ambiguity or difference between these Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement, the text of the Allocation Rules shall prevail.

#### Article 8

### **Submission of information**

1. The market participant shall submit the following information with its completed and signed 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 54;
  - (b) an extract of the registration of the market participant in the commercial register of the competent authority;
  - (c) details regarding the beneficial ownership as defined in the relevant legal provisions transposing Article 3(6) of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing;
  - (d) contact details and names of persons authorised to represent the market participant and

- their function;
- (e) EU VAT registration number or similar tax identification information where EU VAT is not applicable;
  - (f) taxes and levies to be considered for invoices and collateral calculations;
  - (g) Energy Identification Code (EIC) which has been registered in the Centralised European Register of Energy Market Participants (CEREMP);
  - (h) bank account information evidenced by a bank account identification document for all payments to the applicant to be used by the Allocation Platform for the purposes of Article 45 paragraphs 7 and 9. The applicant shall provide the bank account information of a credit institution based in the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, Switzerland, or a country in which the Allocation Platform performs cross border auction services. The applicant is obliged to select a financial institution which is subject to customer due diligence standards that are not less than those laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/849 as amended and which complies to them accordingly;
  - (i) financial contact person for collaterals, invoicing and payment issues and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Allocation Rules in accordance with Article 54;
  - (j) commercial contact person and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Allocation Rules in accordance with Article 54;
  - (k) operational contact person and their contact details (email and telephone number) for notifications where required in these Allocation Rules in accordance with Article 54; and
  - (l) ACER Registration Code (ACER Code) assigned by the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) during the market participant's registration process with the relevant National Regulatory Authorities, and as reported on CEREMP.
2. A Registered Participant shall ensure that all data and other information that it provides to the Allocation Platform pursuant to these Allocation Rules (including information in its 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 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**

By the signature of the 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 Article 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 45 paragraph 6.

#### Article 11 **Acceptance of the Information System Rules**

By signing the 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 Participation Agreement**

All applications to become a Registered Participant and any subsequent participation in 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, damage, or expense in connection with the Registered Participant participating in Auctions unless otherwise explicitly stated in these Allocation Rules.

#### Article 13 **Refusal of application**

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

- (a) when the applicant has not submitted a duly completed and signed Participation

Agreement in accordance with Articles 5, 6, 7 and 8; or

- (b) the Allocation Platform has previously terminated a Participation Agreement with the applicant as a result of a breach of the Participation Agreement by the Registered Participant in accordance with Article 52 paragraph 4 and paragraph 5 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 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 declarations of the Registered Participant under Article 9 are found to be not valid or false; or
- (e) if the applicant is under 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 or 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 to the operational contact person specified by the Registered Participant in accordance with Article 8.
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. These additional financial terms may include provisions to enable joint collaterals for processes organised by the Allocation Platform in accordance with the Participation Agreement, as long as these additional financial terms comply with these Allocation Rules.

Article 16

**Regulatory and legal requirements**

It is the responsibility of each Registered Participant to ensure that it complies with all relevant legislation, including requirements of any relevant competent authority, and obtained all necessary authorisations in connection with its participation in Auctions and its use of Intraday Transmission Rights 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 and, where applicable, potential other payments falling due under the additional financial terms in accordance with Article 15.
2. Only the following forms of collateral 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 (€ / EUR).

### **Article 18 Form of cash deposit**

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 into a dedicated Business Account at a financial institution selected by the Allocation Platform, and the Registered Participant shall pay all the amounts and payments to the Business Account from an account in its name with a credit institution based in the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, Switzerland, or a country in which the Allocation Platform performs cross border auction services. The Registered Participant is obliged to select a financial institution which is subject to customer due diligence standards that are not less than those laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/849 as amended and which complies with them accordingly;
- (b) the dedicated Business Account shall be opened and used in accordance with additional financial terms to be concluded between the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant, 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 45 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. Alternatively, the Bank Guarantee shall be provided via SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication or any successor provider of such telecommunication services) and the fees of the receiving bank shall be covered by the Registered Participant;
  - (b) the Bank Guarantee shall be written in English;
  - (c) the Bank Guarantee covers all Auctions organised by the Allocation Platform subject to these Allocation Rules;
  - (d) the Bank Guarantee shall allow partial and multiple drawing by the Allocation Platform, 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 with by qualified electronic signature(s) (QES);
  - (h) the bank issuing the Bank Guarantee shall be permanently established, including via a branch in the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, Switzerland or a country in which the Allocation Platform performs cross border auction services;
  - (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 in a dedicated Business Account.

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 the Transmission System Operators, who shall then inform the relevant National Regulatory Authorities; and

- (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 paragraphs 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 to the commercial and operational contact persons specified by the Registered Participant in accordance with Article 8. 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 period until at least thirty (30) calendar days after the end of calendar month of the Product Period.
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 4 (four) 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. The Credit Limit shall be equal to the amount of the collaterals in place minus any outstanding payment obligations. 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 43 subject to additional rules in paragraphs 3 to 4 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 44.
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 provisionally as the outstanding payment obligations. From the publication of the provisional Auction results until the moment when the Auction results become final the due amount notified according to Article 33 paragraph 3 (c) shall be provisionally considered as outstanding payment obligations for Credit Limit calculation for any concurrent Auction. The Credit Limit shall be revised based on the actual allocated Intraday Transmission Rights when the provisional 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 collateral in form of a Bank Guarantee, a decrease of the collateral in form of a Bank Guarantee and/or cash deposit or change of the form of the collateral 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 Articles 19 and 20 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 to the commercial and operational contact persons specified by the Registered Participant in accordance with Article 8. 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 Intraday Transmission Rights held by a Registered Participant on the next payment date as set forth in Article 45 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 Articles 17 paragraph 3, 18 and 19.
2. Without prejudice to the other rights of the Allocation Platform, the Allocation Platform shall notify the collateral 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 provided collaterals by the Registered Participant remain insufficient after this period, the Allocation Platform may suspend or terminate the Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 51 and Article 52.

*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 47.
2. The Registered Participant shall restore its collateral after a payment incident or collateral incident by following the conditions as set forth in Article 17 paragraph 3, Article 18 and Article 19 unless the Participation Agreement is suspended or terminated in accordance with Article 51 and Article 52.

## CHAPTER 4 Auctions

### *Article 25*

#### **General provisions for Auctions**

1. The Allocation Platform shall allocate Intraday Transmission Rights to Registered Participants by way of explicit allocation comprising a single round. Prior to any Auction the Allocation Platform shall publish Auction Specifications on its website.
2. The Auctions shall be organised via the Auction Tool. Each Registered Participant fulfilling the requirements for participating in the 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. The results of the Auction will be notified to Registered Participants via the Auction Tool.

### *Article 26*

#### **Capacity allocation timeframe and form of product**

1. Subject to product availability, capacity products are offered per MTU period in three Auctions. Auctions are held seven (7) days a week including weekends and public holidays, provided that the Offered Capacity for Intraday Transmission Rights is at least one (1) MW (subject to the terms of the Allocation Rules and the outcome of Use It or Lose it).
2. In the first Auction the offered products are each MTU from 00:00 till 08:00. In the second Auction the offered products are each MTU from 08:00 till 18:00. In the third Auction the offered products are each MTU from 18:00 till 24:00. The Auction timeline is as follows:

Name of the Auction	Gate opening of the Auction	Gate closure of the Auction
Intraday Auction 1	19:05 in day preceding the delivery day	19:35 in day preceding the delivery day
Intraday Auction 2	03:30 in delivery day	04:00 in delivery day

Intraday Auction 3		15:30 in delivery day	16:00 in delivery day
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3. The Bidding Period for each Auction will be at such times specified by the Allocation Platform in paragraph 2 of this Article or in the relevant Auction Specification. In case of contradiction between the times specified in paragraph 2 of this Article and in the relevant Auction Specification, the Auction Specification shall prevail.

*Article 27*  
**Auction Specification**

1. The Allocation Platform shall publish the Auction Specification as set forth in paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. The Allocation Platform shall publish the Auction Specification no later than the start of the Bidding Period of an Auction. The Auction Specification shall state in particular:
  - (a) the code identifying the Auction in the Auction Tool;
  - (b) identification of the direction covered which will either be “Great Britain to France” or “France to Great Britain”;
  - (c) the Product Period;
  - (d) the Bidding Period;
  - (e) the deadline for the publication of the provisional Auction results;
  - (f) the contestation period in accordance with Article 34;
  - (g) the Offered Capacity as defined in paragraph 3 of this Article; and
  - (h) any other relevant information or terms applicable to the product or the Auction.
3. The Offered Capacity for any part of Contract Day in Auctions (subject to any limitations due to real time system security reasons) will include:
  - (a) unused units (if any) that have become available for Auctions under CHAPTER 5 and that are not unavailable due to Outages and/or due to the application of curtailment; and
  - (b) potentially available Interconnector Capacity (in the form of units) not already allocated to Registered Participants and that is not unavailable due to Outages and/or due to the application of curtailment; and
  - (c) Netted units (if any) that have become available for the Contract Day and that are not unavailable due to Outages and/or due to the application of curtailment; and
  - (d) the available Interconnector Capacity rights already allocated to Registered Participants which will be reallocated as a result of suspension or termination in accordance with Article 51 and Article 52.

*Article 28*  
**Bids submission**

1. The Registered Participant shall submit a Bid or set of Bids to the Allocation Platform in accordance with following requirements:
  - (a) it shall be submitted electronically using the Auction Tool and during the pre-Bidding Period or Bidding Period as specified in the Auction Specification;
  - (b) it shall identify the Auction via an identification code as specified in Article 27 paragraph 2 (a);
  - (c) it shall identify the Registered Participant submitting the Bid through its EIC code;
  - (d) it shall identify the direction for which the Bid is submitted, which will either be “Great Britain to France” or “France to Great Britain”;
  - (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 EUR per MW for one MTU of the Product Period, i.e. the Bid Price will be a price per megawatt hour (EUR/MWh), expressed to a maximum of two (2) decimal places, and equal to or greater than zero; and
  - (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 pre-Bidding Period and/or Bidding Period including its cancellation. In case the Bid or set of Bids has been modified only the last valid 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 relevant 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.

During the pre-Bidding Period, Registered Participants may submit Bids (i.e. pre-Bids) but the following checks will not be performed until the bidding gate opens:

- sum of Bid volumes is not checked against Offered Capacity as Offered Capacity may still change during the pre-bidding phase; and
  - Credit Limit verification.
4. 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 relevant Offered Capacity announced after the Bids submission, the Bids with the lowest Bid Price will be rejected one (1) by one (1) until the total allowed Bid Quantity is lower than or equal to the Offered Capacity. In case where the Information System Rules allow 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.
5. The above-mentioned process shall apply to all forms of an Auction product and all allocation timeframes.

*Article 29*  
**Bid registration**

1. The Allocation Platform shall not register a Bid that:
- (a) does not comply with the requirements of Article 28; or
  - (b) is submitted by a Registered Participant who is suspended in accordance with Article 51.
2. Provided that a Bid or a set of Bids fulfils the requirements set forth in Articles 28 and 29, the Allocation Platform shall confirm to the Registered Participant that such Bid(s) have been correctly registered by acknowledgment of receipt via a message on 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. Only Bids for which the Allocation Platform issues an acknowledgment of receipt will be valid.
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 at closure of the Bidding Period shall constitute an unconditional and irrevocable offer by the Registered Participant to the Allocation Platform to buy Intraday Transmission Rights up to the Bid Quantity and at prices up to the Bid Price and under the terms and conditions of these Allocation Rules and the relevant Auction Specification.

*Article 30*  
**Default Bid**

1. The Registered Participant has the option to place default Bids or set of default Bids for Auctions.
2. A default Bid or set of default Bids, once identified as such by the Registered Participant, shall apply automatically to each subsequent and relevant Auction as defined by the Registered Participant when placing the default Bid or set of default Bids. At the opening of a relevant Bidding Period, the registered default Bid or set of default Bids shall be considered as a Bid or set of Bids submitted by the Registered Participant for the relevant Auction. This Bid or set of Bids shall be considered as valid and 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 Offered Capacity of the relevant Auction, the Bids with the lowest Bid Price shall be rejected one (1) by one (1) until the total allowed Bid Quantity is reached. In case where the Information System Rules allow 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 or set of default Bids for a future Auction shall change the Bid Quantity and/or the Bid Price of its default Bids or set of default Bids before the respective Auction Bidding Period opening.
  5. A Registered Participant not wishing to submit the default Bid or set of default Bids on the Auction Tool for future Auctions can cancel its default Bids or set of default Bids before the subsequent Auction Bidding Period opening.

### *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 exceeds the Credit Limit. If the maximum payment obligation connected with the 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 confirm 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.
3. The Allocation Platform shall indicate the 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 21.
5. For calculation of maximum payment obligation (MPO) 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 obligation according to the following equation:

$$MPO = \sum_{hours} \text{Max} \left[ \text{Bid Price (1)} * \text{Bid Quantity (1)}; \text{Bid Price (2)} * \sum_{i=1}^2 \text{Bid Quantity (i)}; \dots \right]$$

$$\dots; \text{Bid Price } (n - 1) * \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \text{Bid Quantity } (i); \text{Bid Price } (n) * \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Bid Quantity } (i) \Bigg]$$

6. When calculating the maximum payment obligations according to paragraph 5 of this Article, the Allocation Platform shall also take into account the increase of the maximum payment obligations with applicable taxes and levies in force subject to Article 44.

### *Article 32*

#### **Auction results determination**

1. After the expiration of the Bidding Period for an Auction and the Credit Limit verification pursuant to Article 31, the Allocation Platform shall determine the Auction results and allocate Intraday Transmission Rights in accordance with this Article.
2. The Auction results determination shall include the following per MTU:
  - (a) determination of the total quantity of the allocated Intraday Transmission Rights per direction on the ElecLink Interconnector;
  - (b) identification of winning Bids to be fully or partially satisfied; and
  - (c) determination of the Marginal Price per direction on the ElecLink Interconnector.
3. The Allocation Platform shall determine the Auction results using an optimisation function aiming at maximisation of the sum of the Registered Participants' surplus and the Congestion Income generated by the winning Bids while respecting the constraints of the optimisation function in form of relevant Offered Capacities. The Allocation Platform shall publish additional explanatory information on the optimisation function of the algorithm on its website.
4. The Allocation Platform shall determine the Marginal Price for each direction on the ElecLink Interconnector based on the following criteria:
  - (a) if the total quantity of Interconnector 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 Interconnector 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 direction valid Bids with the same Bid Price, that cannot be accepted for the total requested quantity of Intraday Transmission Rights, the Allocation Platform shall determine the winning Bids and the quantity of the allocated Intraday Transmission Rights per Registered Participant as follows:
  - (a) the Interconnector Capacity available for the Bids which set the Marginal Price shall be divided equally by the number of the Registered Participants which submitted these Bids;
  - (b) in case the quantity of Intraday 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 quantity of Intraday Transmission Rights requested 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 Interconnector 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 to 5 of this Article does not result in a full MW amount in accordance with Article 28 paragraph 1(f), the Intraday Transmission Rights shall be rounded down to the nearest full MW. The case when the Intraday Transmission Rights allocated to individual Registered Participants are equal to zero after rounding shall not impact the Marginal Price determination.
  7. The Intraday Transmission Rights are 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 in accordance with Article 34.
  8. Registered Participants acknowledge and accept that their Bids may be partially accepted according to the methodology above.

### *Article 33*

#### **Notification of provisional Auction results**

1. The Allocation Platform shall publish on its website the provisional Auction results as soon as possible but not later than specified in the Auction Specification.
2. The publication of the provisional Auction results for each direction on the ElecLink Interconnector and MTU included in the Auction shall comprise at least the following data:
  - (a) total requested Intraday Transmission Rights in MW;
  - (b) total allocated Intraday Transmission Rights in MW;
  - (c) Marginal Price in EUR/MW per MTU;
  - (d) number of Registered Participants participating in the Auction;
  - (e) number of Registered Participants who placed at least one winning Bid in the Auction;
  - (f) list of registered Bids without identification of the Registered Participants (bid curve); and
  - (g) Congestion Income.
3. As soon as possible after the publication of the provisional Auction results the Allocation Platform shall provide via the Auction Tool and notify to each Registered Participant who submitted a Bid to a specific Auction at least the following data:
  - (a) allocated Intraday Transmission Rights for each MTU of the Product Period in MW;
  - (b) Marginal Price in EUR/MW per MTU; and

- (c) due amount for allocated Intraday Transmission Rights in EUR, rounded to two decimal places.
4. In the event that the Auction Tool is unavailable, the Allocation Platform shall inform the Registered Participants of the provisional Auction results via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website.

#### *Article 34*

### **Contestation of Auction results**

1. Registered Participants shall check the Auction results and, where reasonably appropriate, may contest the provisional Auction results within the contestation period set out in paragraph 2 of this Article. The Allocation Platform shall only consider a contestation where the Registered Participant is able to demonstrate an error by the Allocation Platform in the provisional Auction results.
2. With respect to Intraday Auction 1 and Intraday Auction 2, the Registered Participant may contest the provisional Auction results ex post between 10:00 and 11:00 of Contract Day D+1. With respect to Intraday Auction 3, the Registered Participant may contest the provisional Auction results within the deadline set out in the relevant Auction Specification but no later than ten (10) minutes after the provisional Auction results have been notified to the Registered Participant.
3. The contestation has to be notified to the Allocation Platform and headed as “contestation”.
4. Any contestation shall contain the following:
  - (a) date of contestation;
  - (b) identification of contested 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 Auction results.
5. The Allocation Platform shall notify its decision on the contestation to the Registered Participant no later than twenty-five (25) minutes after the end of the applicable contestation period indicated in paragraph 2 of this Article.
6. At the end of the deadline specified above in paragraph 5 of this Article and unless an Auction is cancelled, the provisional Auction results shall be considered as final and binding with no further notification.

#### *Article 35*

### **Auction cancellation**

1. In case the Allocation Platform cancels an 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

Auction cancellation by notification published in the Auction Tool or on webpage of the Allocation Platform and by electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website.

3. An Auction cancellation may be announced in the following cases:
  - (a) before the end of the contestation period in case the Allocation Platform faces technical obstacles during the Auction process like a failure of standard processes and in the event of incorrect offered capacity value or erroneous results due to incorrect Marginal Price calculation or incorrect allocation of Intraday Transmission Rights to Registered Participants or similar reasons; and
  - (b) after the end of the contestation period, in the event of incorrect offered capacity values, or erroneous results due to incorrect Marginal Price calculation or incorrect allocation of Intraday Transmission Rights to Registered Participants or similar reasons.
4. In case of Auction cancellation before the contestation period elapses, no compensation shall be paid to the Registered Participants.
5. In case of Auction cancellation after the contestation period elapses, the Registered Participant is entitled to receive a compensation equal to:
  - (a) the Marginal Price of the initial Auction; multiplied by
  - (b) the volume in MW per MTU.
6. The Allocation Platform shall publish on its website, without undue delay, the reasons for the Auction cancellation.
7. In case of Auction cancellation, a fall-back procedure is not provided and postponement of an Auction is not possible.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **Use of Intraday Transmission Rights**

#### *Article 36*

##### **General principles**

1. Physical Transmission Rights allocated in Auction shall be subject to the Use it or Lose It principle with no financial compensation.
2. The holder of allocated Intraday Transmission Rights may Nominate the Intraday Transmission Rights for its physical use in accordance with Article 37. In such case, the energy accounts of the holder on each side of the border will be updated taking into account the appropriate loss factor as defined in the Nomination Rules.

#### *Article 37*

##### **Nomination of Intraday Transmission Rights**

1. Persons eligible to Nominate Intraday Transmission Rights shall fulfil the requirements described in the Nomination Rules.
2. The Nomination shall be done in compliance with the Rights Document.
3. The Nomination deadlines are set forth in the Nomination Rules. The Allocation Platform shall publish information on its website on the Nomination deadlines in respect of Interconnector Capacity of the ElecLink Interconnector. In case of any discrepancy between the deadlines published by the Allocation Platform and those of the valid and legally binding 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 in a specific direction and for MTU period.
2. The Allocation Platform shall send Rights Document after each Auction to the Intraday Transmission Rights' holder via the Auction Tool, no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the contestation period as defined in Article 34.

## CHAPTER 6 Curtailment

### Article 39

#### Triggering events and consequences of curtailment on Intraday Transmission Rights

1. Intraday Transmission Rights may be curtailed in the event of Force Majeure or an emergency situation and if there is a Capacity Shortage according to applicable legislation and this CHAPTER 6.
2. Curtailment may be applied on allocated Intraday Transmission Rights or, where the case may be, on Nominated Intraday Transmission Rights.
3. Each Registered Participant affected by curtailment shall lose its right to Nominate for physical use the concerned Intraday Transmission Rights.
4. Registered Participants acknowledge that an emergency situation or a Force Majeure, or any increase or decrease in the Curtailment Quantity during an emergency situation or Force Majeure, which arises after the relevant Nomination Gate closure will be reflected in the calculation of deemed metered volumes in accordance with the Nomination Rules.
5. In case of curtailment, the affected Registered Participant is entitled to receive reimbursement or compensation according to Article 41.

### Article 39A

#### Capacity Shortage

A Capacity Shortage occurs in any minute in a direction if:

$$NTC_{dir} < \sum \text{Capa}^{GNC}_{dir} + \sum \text{MIN}^{GC}_{dir} - \sum \text{MIN}^{GC}_{opp}$$

where:

- (a)  $NTC_{dir}$  is the value of the Net Transfer Capacity at that time in that direction; and
- (b)  $\sum \text{Capa}^{GNC}_{dir}$  is the sum of the Interconnector Capacity rights across all Registered Participants in that direction for any Timescale for which Nomination Gate closure has not yet occurred (before curtailment of these rights in respect of the relevant Capacity Shortage in accordance with these Allocation Rules); and
- (c)  $\sum \text{MIN}^{GC}_{dir}$  is the sum of the MIN values across all Registered Participants in that direction for all Timescales for which Nomination Gate closure has occurred (before curtailment of that MIN in respect of the relevant Capacity Shortage in accordance with these Allocation Rules); and
- (d)  $\sum \text{MIN}^{GC}_{opp}$  is the sum of the MIN values across all Registered Participants in the opposite direction for all Timescales, for which Nomination Gate closure has occurred (before curtailment of that MIN in respect of the relevant Capacity Shortage in accordance with these Allocation Rules).



and the “Curtailed Quantity” is the positive number equal to the difference between  $NTC_{dir}$  in such direction and  $(\sum Capa^{GNC}_{dir} + \sum MIN^{GC}_{dir} - \sum MIN^{GC}_{opp})$  when there is an emergency situation or Force Majeure.

#### *Article 40*

### **Process and notification of curtailment**

1. In all cases curtailment shall be carried out by the Allocation Platform based on a request by ElecLink at the ElecLink Interconnector where Intraday Transmission Rights have been allocated.
2. The Allocation Platform shall notify the affected holders of Intraday Transmission Rights as soon as possible of a curtailment of Intraday Transmission Rights via electronic means as specified by the Allocation Platform on its website and on the webpage of the Allocation Platform. The notification shall identify the affected Intraday Transmission Rights, the affected volume in MW per MTU for each concerned period and the triggering events for curtailment as described in Article 39 and the amount of Intraday Transmission Rights that remain after the curtailment.
3. The Allocation Platform shall publish the triggering events for curtailment in accordance with Article 39 including their estimated duration on its website as soon as possible.
4. The curtailment of Intraday Transmission Rights during a specific time period shall be applied to all Intraday Transmission Rights of the concerned periods on a pro rata basis, which means in proportion to the held Intraday Transmission Rights, regardless of the time of allocation.
5. For each affected Registered Participant, remaining Intraday Transmission Rights which have not been curtailed shall be rounded down to the nearest MW.

#### *Article 41*

### **Reimbursement for curtailments due to Force Majeure or emergency situation**

1. In the case of Force Majeure or emergency situation holders of curtailed Intraday Transmission Rights shall be entitled to receive a reimbursement equal to the price of the Intraday Transmission Rights set during the Intraday Transmission Rights allocation process, which for each affected MTU and Registered Participant shall be calculated as:
  - (a) the Marginal Price of the initial Auction; multiplied by
  - (b) the volume in MW per MTU corresponding to the difference between the Intraday Transmission Rights held by the Registered Participant before and after the curtailment.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **Invoicing and payment**

#### *Article 42*

#### **General principles**

1. A Registered Participant shall pay the amounts due as calculated in accordance with Article 43 for all Intraday Transmission Rights allocated to him.
2. The Registered Participant may upon payment and in line with separate agreements between the Registered Participant and ElecLink physically use the Interconnector Capacity connected with the allocated Intraday Transmission Rights as described in these Allocation Rules.
3. All financial information, prices and amounts due shall be expressed in Euros (€ / EUR), 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. Payments shall be done in Euros (€ / EUR).
6. 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 Allocation Rules subject to Article 44.
7. 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 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 43*

#### **Calculation of due amounts**

1. Registered Participants shall pay for each of the Intraday Transmission Rights allocated to them and for individual MTU an amount equal to:
  - (a) the Marginal Price (per MW per MTU); multiplied by
  - (b) the sum of Intraday Transmission Rights in MW allocated in individual MTU of the Product Period.
2. The Intraday 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 subject to Article 44, shall be rounded to two decimal places.

*Article 44*  
**Tax gross-up**

1. Each Registered Participant must settle all payments with respect to the 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 Allocation Rules under the 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 Allocation Rules is attributable. Paragraph 2 of this Article does not apply to value added tax as provided for in Directive 2006/112/EC as amended from time to time and any other tax of a similar nature.

*Article 45*  
**Invoicing and payment conditions**

1. The Allocation Platform shall issue invoices for payments for all Intraday Transmission Rights on a monthly basis and no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Working Day of each month for the Auctions with delivery period of the month preceding.
2. The Allocation Platform shall send the invoice only by 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 paragraph 1(i) 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.
3. In the cases of curtailment of Intraday Transmission Rights in accordance with CHAPTER 6 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 1 of this Article.
4. The payments due shall be netted taking into account the amount as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article.
5. If the balance of the payments as set forth in paragraph 4 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.
6. Payments by the Registered Participant as set forth in paragraph 5 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 from the bank account as announced during the accession process in accordance with Article 8 paragraph 1(h) by the Registered Participant to the account of the Allocation Platform specified on the invoice by indicating the invoice reference.

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 of 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 1 of this Article. Once the alternative procedure is agreed by the Parties, it shall be deemed to be valid until otherwise agreed between the Registered Participant and the Allocation Platform.

7. If the balance of the payments as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3 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(h) by the Registered Participant who is entitled to the payments at the due date.
8. Upon the collection of the payment as set forth in paragraph 6 of this Article, the Allocation Platform shall update the Credit Limit accordingly.
9. Erroneous invoices shall be corrected and settled as follows:
  - a) 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 possible and at the latest within thirty (30) Working Days to the Registered Participant or the Allocation Platform;
  - b) in case of an erroneous invoice based on erroneous information provided by third parties, the Allocation Platform shall correct the amount and settle the amount to the Registered Participant as soon as possible and at the latest within given ninety (90) Working Days, from the date the Registered Participant informed the Allocation Platform of the erroneous information;
  - c) in case the error in the invoice occurred due to technical constraint and if the resolution of technical constraint requires the Allocation Platform to update the Auction Tool, the Allocation Platform shall resolve the technical constraint, correct the invoice and settle the amount to the Registered Participant as soon as possible and at the latest within one hundred eighty (180) Working Days.
10. 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.
11. The Registered Participant shall not be entitled to offset any amount, or withhold any debts arising in connection with obligations resulting from an Auction, against any claims towards the Allocation Platform, whether or not arising out of an 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 46*  
**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 50 shall apply.
3. A dispute shall in no way relieve the Registered Participant from the obligation to pay the amounts due as set forth in Article 45 paragraph 1.
4. If it is agreed or determined based upon the dispute resolution procedure as set forth in Article 50 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 42 paragraph 4 to the Registered Participant in case that the amount paid by the Registered Participant as set forth in Article 45 paragraphs 1 and 4 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 paragraph 1 (h) provided the Allocation Platform has received the amount due from the relevant TSOs if applicable;
  - (b) the Registered Participant shall pay any amount including interest to be calculated according to Article 42 paragraph 4 to the Allocation Platform in case that the amount paid by the Registered Party as set forth in Article 45 paragraphs 1 and 4 was lower or the amount paid by the Allocation Platform was higher than the due amount. The Registered Participant shall make the payment in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 45 paragraph 6. Upon such payment the Allocation Platform shall update the Credit Limit of the Registered Participant as set forth in Article 45 paragraph 8.
5. The interest paid in case of a payment in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article shall be applied from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 47*  
**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 two (3) Working Days upon sending of the notification. In case of no payment within the deadline and without prejudice to the other rights of the Allocation Platform, the Allocation Platform shall notify the Registered Participant that the payment incident was registered.

2. Immediately after registration of the payment incident the Allocation Platform may invoke the collaterals. After a recurring payment incident, the Allocation Platform may require from the Registered Participant to change its Bank Guarantee collateral to a cash deposit collateral.
3. The Allocation Platform may suspend or terminate the Participation Agreement in case of registered payment incident in accordance with Article 51 and Article 52.
4. In case of late payment or refund, the Parties shall pay interest on the amount due including taxes and levies from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day following the date on which payment was due until the date on which the payment is done. The interest, being charged without further notice, 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 rounded up to the nearest half percentage point.

## **CHAPTER 8 Miscellaneous**

### *Article 48*

#### **Duration and amendment of Allocation Rules**

1. The Allocation Rules are of indefinite duration and are subject to amendment in accordance with this Article. These Allocation Rules and any amendments thereof shall be consulted upon subject to paragraph 6 of this Article and enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regime. The Allocation Platform shall publish the amended Allocation Rules and send an amendment notice to Registered Participants.
2. The amendment process shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions of the ElecLink Interconnector Licence.
3. Subject to paragraph 6 of this Article, any amendment shall be approved by the National Regulatory Authorities and shall enter into force at the date and time specified in the amendment notice but not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the amendment notice is sent to Registered Participants by the Allocation Platform.
4. Each amendment shall apply to all aspects of these Allocation Rules, including but not limited to all Auctions conducted after the date on which the amendment takes effect. The amended Allocation Rules shall govern all rights and obligations in connection with these Allocation Rules.
5. Any amendment of these Allocation Rules shall apply automatically to the Participation Agreement in force between the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant, without the need for the Registered Participant to sign any acknowledgement or acceptance of the amendment or a new Participation Agreement or the amendment notice or the amended Allocation Rules but without prejudice to the Registered Participant's right to request the termination of its Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 52 paragraph 1. By participating in the Auction after the Registered Participant was informed about the changes and/or adaptations of the Allocation Rules and after these changes and/or adaptations of the Allocation Rules entered into force, it is deemed that the Registered Participant has accepted the changed Allocation Rules, i.e. the valid and effective version of the Allocation Rules.
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 relevant legislation or any action by competent authorities 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.

### *Article 49*

#### **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 Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement.
2. Subject to any other provisions of these Allocation Rules the Allocation Platform shall only be liable for damages caused by:

- (a) fraud, gross negligence or wilful misconduct; or
  - (b) death or personal injury arising from its negligence or that of its employees, agents or subcontractors.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the Allocation Platform shall not be liable for damages suffered by Registered Participants as a result of technical problems unless such act or omission is a result of fraud, gross negligence or wilful misconduct. The Allocation Platform shall have tested the computer systems and other technical equipment in their responsibility sufficiently before putting them into operation and shall be responsible for their adequate maintenance.
4. 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) 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 Allocation Rules.
5. The Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant acknowledges and agrees that it holds the benefit of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Article for itself and as trustee and agent for its officers, employees and agents.
6. The Registered Participant shall be solely responsible for its participation in Auctions including but not limited to the following cases:
  - (a) the timely arrival of Bids and notifications 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 Allocation Rules.
7. In case of curtailment compensation due to Force Majeure or emergency situation in accordance with Article 41 Registered Participants shall not be entitled to other compensation than the compensation described in these Allocation Rules.
8. In addition to paragraph 3 of this Article 49, the Registered Participant shall be liable to the Allocation Platform 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.
9. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article 49 shall prevent or restrict either the Allocation or a Registered Participant from enforcing any obligation owned to it under or pursuant to these Allocation Rules.
10. This Article survives the termination of the Registered Participant's Participation Agreement.

#### *Article 50* **Dispute resolution**

1. Without prejudice to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of this Article, where there is a dispute under or in relation to these Allocation Rules and/or a Participation Agreement (including any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them) the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant (together the "**Disputing Parties**") 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 Participation Agreement between the Disputing 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 Disputing Parties shall meet within twenty (20) Working Days of a request to meet 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 Disputing Parties to resolve the dispute pursuant to paragraph 3.
  3. A 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 in writing by the Disputing Parties, 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 Disputing Parties unless a Party requests the appointment of three (3) arbitrators. In case of one (1) arbitrator, the Disputing 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 Participation Agreement and in accordance with the governing law of these Allocation Rules while the language of the arbitration proceedings shall be English. The arbitrators shall decide in law and not as *amiables compositeurs*<sup>2</sup>. The arbitration will be a first hearing and the arbitrators shall hear arguments and evidence. 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 arbitration 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.

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<sup>2</sup> In the English version of these Allocation Rules, words in French in italics are to be interpreted in accordance with their meaning in French.

6. Notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, the Disputing Parties may jointly agree to apply court proceedings instead of arbitration to settle a dispute arisen under or in connection with these Allocation Rules and/or a Participation Agreement (including any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them).
7. In cases of late payment and without prejudice to Article 47 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 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 of this Article 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 and further irrevocably agrees that a judgement in any such proceedings brought in any such court may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.
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 Allocation Rules and the Registered Participant's Participation Agreement.
10. This Article survives the termination of the Registered Participant's Participation Agreement.

#### *Article 51*

#### **Suspension of the Participation Agreement**

1. The Allocation Platform may by notice to the Registered Participant suspend the Registered Participant's rights (including rights to participate in Auctions) in connection with these 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 47;
  - (b) if a Registered Participant fails to provide and maintain collaterals in accordance with Article 23;
  - (c) any breach which may have a financial impact to the Allocation Platform;
  - (d) if the Allocation Platform has reasonable grounds to believe that the Registered Participant no longer satisfies one or more of any other conditions to participate in Auctions according to these Allocation Rules unless termination applies according to Article 52; or
  - (e) if the Registered Participant is under economic and/or trade sanctions.
2. In any case of a minor breach in relation to these Allocation Rules such as 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 that its rights in connection with these 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.

3. After the suspension takes effect in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the following applies:
  - a) In case of suspension in accordance with Article 51 paragraph (1)(a) to (d), the suspended Registered Participant may no longer participate in an Auction and, unless the payment of the Intraday 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 Intraday Transmission Rights according to CHAPTER 5.
  - b) in cases of suspension in accordance with Article 51 paragraph (1)(e), the suspended Registered Participant may no longer participate in an Auction and shall not be entitled to use Intraday Transmission Rights according to CHAPTER 5.
4. 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.
5. 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 its ability to participate in Auctions by written notice to the Registered Participant. As from the date of effect of the reinstatement, the Registered Participant may participate in Auctions and the Intraday Transmission Rights allocated prior to the suspension and which remain unused may be Nominated if the relevant Nomination Gate has not closed.
6. If the Allocation Platform gives a notice to a Registered Participant under paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of this Article, such notice of suspension does not relieve the Registered Participant from its payment obligations under CHAPTER 7.

#### *Article 52*

### **Termination of the Participation Agreement**

1. A Registered Participant may at any time request the Allocation Platform to terminate the 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 if all outstanding payment obligations are settled.
2. A Registered Participant may terminate the 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 Allocation Rules or the 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; or
  - (b) where there is a significant breach of the confidentiality obligations in accordance with Article 55.

3. 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 where possible. Unless the Allocation Platform remedies the breach within the abovementioned deadline, the termination shall take effect immediately upon expiration of such deadline. Where no remedy is possible, the termination shall take effect immediately upon receipt of the termination notice.
4. If any of the termination events in paragraph 5 of this Article occurs in relation to a Registered Participant, the Allocation Platform may by notice to the Registered Participant terminate the Participation Agreement, including the Registered Participant's rights connected with these 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 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.
5. The termination events referred to in paragraph 4 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 Auction as set forth in Article 9;
  - (c) if a Registered Participant received three single payment incident notifications within the same calendar year from the Allocation Platform, as described in Article 47 paragraph (3) of these Allocation Rules;
  - (d) if a Registered Participant repeatedly breaches these Allocation Rules or a Participation Agreement, whether or not the breach is capable of remedy;
  - (e) 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 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 Auctions;
  - (f) 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);
  - (g) if the Registered Participant has been inactive in the business relationship with the Allocation Platform for more than fifteen (15) months. For the sake of clarity, the Allocation Platform shall have notified the Registered Participant ahead of the upcoming termination;
  - (h) if a Registered Participant becomes insolvent or has a receiving order or administration order made against it or carries on business under a receiver, administrator, trustee or manager for the benefit of its creditors (or any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to the Registered Participant in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the aforementioned events); or

- (i) if a Registered Participant breaches any of the provisions of the RTE Grid Code or the GB Grid Code applicable to it and such breach has or can reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on the operation of the ElecLink Interconnector or the arrangements contemplated by these Allocation Rules and (if capable of remedy) the breach has not been remedied within ten (10) Working Days of a notice from the Allocation Platform requiring remedy.
6. After the termination takes effect in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Article and from that time, the Registered Participant may no longer participate in an Auction and use its already acquired Intraday Transmission Rights.
7. Termination of a Participation Agreement does not affect any rights and obligations under or in connection with the Participation Agreement and these Allocation Rules which arose prior to that termination unless otherwise specified in this Article. Accordingly, any Registered Participant whose Participation Agreement is terminated will remain liable, subject to and in accordance with the Allocation Rules, in respect of all such rights and liabilities (including its payment obligations pursuant to CHAPTER 7). This Article 52 shall apply without prejudice to any other remedies or rights available to the Allocation Platform under these Allocation Rules or at law, including any right to claim damages in respect of any breach of the Allocation Rules or the Participation Agreement which existed at or before the date of termination.

*Article 53*  
**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 (so far as it can be determined) 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 55.
3. Suspension under paragraph 2 of this Article 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; and
  - (b) the suspension applies only for so long as the Party invoking Force Majeure is using reasonable efforts to remedy or mitigate its 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 as follows:
  - (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; and
  - (b) the acquired Intraday 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 Allocation Rules.

5. The Party affected by the Force Majeure shall give notice to the other Party when it ceases to be affected by the Force Majeure.
6. If the Force Majeure continues for a period longer than six (6) months, the Allocation Platform or each Registered Participant may, by written notice to the other given at any time while the Force Majeure continues beyond that period, unilaterally terminate the Participation Agreement. The termination shall take effect ten (10) Working Days after the notice is given or any later date specified in the notice.
7. For avoidance of doubt this Article is without prejudice to the provisions of CHAPTER 6 regarding the curtailment of Intraday Transmission Rights.

#### *Article 54* **Notices**

1. Any notice or other communication to be given under or in connection with these Allocation Rules and/or the Participation Agreement shall be in English.
2. Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Allocation Rules and/or the Participation Agreement 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 Participation Agreement or as notified by the Registered Participant from time to time in accordance with Article 8.
3. All notices or other communications under or in connection with these Allocation Rules and/or the Participation Agreement 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 Participation Agreement in accordance with Article 6;
  - (b) the suspension or termination according to Article 51 and Article 52; and
  - (c) the submission of the Bank Guarantee, in the event the Bank Guarantee includes handwritten signature(s), in accordance with Article 19.
4. All notices or other communications under or in connection with these Allocation Rules and/or the Participation Agreement 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) in the case of 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 55*  
**Confidentiality**

1. The 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 paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, the Allocation Platform and each Registered Participant who is a recipient of confidential information in relation to these Allocation Rules shall preserve the confidentiality of each item of such confidential 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 who is a recipient of confidential information may disclose confidential information of a disclosing Party to a third party with the other Party's prior, written and expressed consent 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 who is recipient of confidential information may disclose confidential information of a disclosing Party:
  - (a) to the extent expressly permitted or contemplated by the Allocation Rules;
  - (b) to any person who is one of the directors, officers, employees, agents, advisers (including financial advisers and legal advisers) or insurers of the recipient and who needs to know the confidential information in connection with these Allocation Rules;
  - (c) as may be directed or ordered under or required in order to comply with any applicable national legislation or any other relevant domestic administrative acts such as grid codes;
  - (d) as may be required by a competent regulatory authority, court or administrative tribunal having jurisdiction over the recipient or an arbitrator or expert in the course of proceedings before it to which the recipient is a Party;
  - (e) as may be required by ElecLink for the proper fulfilment of its mission and its obligations in accordance with applicable laws and these Allocation Rules by itself or through agents or advisers;
  - (f) as far as required in order to obtain clearances or consents from a competent authority or if requested by or required to be disclosed under any applicable powers of a competent authority (including the National Regulatory Authorities).
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 (otherwise than as a result of a breach by the recipient of Article 55);
  - (b) if the receiving Party can prove that, at the time of disclosure, the information was already in its possession and not subject to any obligation of confidentiality;

- (c) 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;
  - (d) 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; or
  - (e) to information whose publication is explicitly provided for by the present Allocation Rules.
6. The Allocation Platform and ElecLink shall be permitted to disclose confidential information to NESO and/or RTE in their respective capacities as transmission system operators.
7. The obligations of confidentiality in this Article 55 shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years after termination of the Registered Participant's Participation Agreement.

#### *Article 56*

### **Assignment and subcontracting**

1. The Allocation Platform may assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under a Participation Agreement and/or these Allocation Rules to another Allocation Platform. The Allocation Platform shall notify the Registered Participants of the change 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 or grant any interest in or over, or create a trust in respect of, any of its rights or obligations under its Participation Agreement and/or these Allocation Rules without the prior written consent of the Allocation Platform or ElecLink.
3. Nothing in this Article shall prevent an Allocation Platform or Registered Participant from entering into a subcontracting agreement in relation to this Allocation Rules. Entry into a subcontracting agreement by a Registered Participant does not relieve the Registered Participant of any obligation or liability under its Participation Agreement and/or these Allocation Rules.

#### *Article 57*

### **Governing law**

These 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 Participation Agreement.

#### *Article 58*

### **Language**

These Allocation Rules will be produced both in English and French. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of inconsistencies between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.



*Article 59*  
**Intellectual property**

1. No Party shall acquire any right, title, licence or interest in or to any intellectual property rights of the other Party in connection with these Allocation Rules and/ or a Participation Agreement.
2. The signature of a 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 the Allocation Rules.

*Article 60*  
**Relationship of the Parties**

1. The relationship of the Allocation Platform and the Registered Participant via the Participation Agreement is that of service provider and service user respectively. Except as expressly provided in these Allocation Rules, nothing contained or implied in these 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 or to create or be deemed to create any partnership, agency or trust between the Parties whatsoever.
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 Allocation Rules, the Participation Agreements or the disclosed information or otherwise in relation to or in connection with these Allocation Rules, the Participation Agreements and the disclosed information or any transaction or arrangement contemplated by these Allocation Rules, the Participation Agreements and the disclosed Information except as specifically provided in these Allocation Rules or the Participation Agreement.

*Article 61*  
**No third party rights**

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

*Article 62*  
**Waiver**

1. No omission to exercise or delay in exercising any right, power or remedy provided by law or under these Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement 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 Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement.
2. Any waiver of any right, power or remedy under these Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement 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 63*  
**Entire agreement**

These Allocation Rules and the 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 supersede 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 enter into or accede to these Allocation Rules or the Participation Agreement in reliance on any representation, warranty or other undertaking (other than where made fraudulently) not fully reflected in the terms of these Allocation Rules or the Participation Agreement.

*Article 64*  
**Remedies exclusive**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the rights and remedies provided by these Allocation Rules and the 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 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 Allocation Rules and the Participation Agreement and undertakes not to enforce any of the same except as expressly provided herein.

*Article 65*  
**Severability**

1. If any provision of these Allocation Rules or a 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 either the remaining provisions of these Allocation Rules or the Participation Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality, or the validity, enforceability or legality of such provision under the laws of any other jurisdiction. 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.
2. If any provision would otherwise be invalid, unenforceable or illegal under Article 65 paragraph 1 but would cease to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal if some part of it were deleted, the relevant part shall be deemed to be deleted.

*Article 66*  
**Anti-bribery and corruption**

Any Registered Participant who offers any inducement, fee or reward to the Allocation Platform or any of its officers, employees or agents or any person acting as an adviser to the

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Allocation Platform in connection with any Auction which would constitute a breach of the Bribery Act 2010 may be disqualified by the Allocation Platform acting reasonably and that Registered Participant's Participation Agreement may be terminated under Article 52 paragraph 5(d) (in either case without prejudice to any other civil remedies available to the Allocation Platform and without prejudice to any criminal liability which the Registered Participant may attract).