Assembly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 27 September 2016
Time: 10.30 – 15.00 h
Place: Copenhagen, IDA Conference Centre - Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, Copenhagen

MINUTES

1. Verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights - Approval of the agenda

The President welcomes participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting and also the new representatives of TSOs, who attend the Assembly for the first time.

> **Decision**
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> - The quorum is verified. The representatives in attendance hold 100 % of the first part of the voting rights, and 100 % of the second part of the voting rights of the Association. The attendance list is annexed to these minutes (Appendix 1).
> - The agenda is approved.

2. Report from the Board including overview of Committee activities, NC status, launching of the Advisory Council, an update of the status of Capacity Calculation Regions and preparations for our Annual Conference

The Vice Chair of the Board presents the main issues on which the Board has worked since the last Assembly meeting which are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda. His report focuses on the following topics: a review of the status of the network codes and of their implementation, the ENTSO-E response to the EC public consultation on annual priority list for network codes and guidelines for 2017 and beyond, the status of Capacity Calculation Regions, the launching of the ENTSO-E Advisory Council, and an update on ENTSO-E 8 December 2016 Annual Conference preparations. A summary of the slides is attached in Appendix 2.

> **Decision**
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> - The Assembly takes note of the report from the Board.

3. Breakout session: Outcome of the Board Strategy Workshop

The President explains that this agenda item is to acquaint Assembly Members with the main outcomes and renewed strategic targets developed at the 7 September 2016 Board Strategy Workshop.

The Assembly Members break out into four groups to brainstorm key questions on value creation, network code implementation and resources prioritization.

The feedback collected during the sessions together with comments will be used as strategic guidance for the Secretariat to design further steps, communication and optimisation of resources.

4. Budget 2017 approval

The Vice Chair of the Board presents the Board recommendations to the Assembly for a 2017 budget of 20,2 M€. The Vice Chair presents the highlights and main assumptions of the budget, and the main variations vs. budget 2016. The following matters were discussed: the foreseen multiyear budget planning, the appropriate level of reserves and the budget increase linked to the ATOM network.

Decision

- Based on the Board recommendation, the Assembly approves the 2017 budget of 20,2 M€.
- The Assembly approves the membership fees for each Member as circulated in the session file, calculated on the basis of the 2017 budget and to be paid until 15 February 2017.
- The Assembly takes note of the non-binding estimates for the years 2018 and 2019 provided in the session file.
- The Assembly delegates to the Board to approve during the year 2017, potential additional hiring flexibility up to maximum of 5 FTEs that could be used, if needed, for "all TSOs" network codes implementation tasks. Funds for this to be used from the existing reserves or ideally through budget savings in 2017.

5.   RSC MLA update

The Chair of the System Operations Committee notifies the Assembly that on 13 September the SEPS Board approved the Regional Security Coordinators Multi Lateral Agreement (RSC MLA) for signing in early October. That will mean that all TSOs will have signed the RSC MLA by October 2016.

Decision

- The Assembly acknowledges the clarifications provided to SEPS and welcomes the decision of the SEPS Board to approve the RSC MLA for signing in early October.

6.   Formal recommendation from the Board on Ukrenergo's observer membership application

The President informs the Assembly members about the Board's recommendation not to grant the status of Observer Member to the Ukrainian TSO. The recommendation is in line with the June 2016 Assembly guidance to organise the collaboration with Ukrenergo by establishing a new, ad-hoc framework without an Observer Membership Agreement as yet. This is a logical sequence of the current technical cooperation where following recent feasibility studies, a project group "Ukraine Moldova" has been established.

Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the application by the Ukrainian TSO Ukrenergo to become Observer Member of the Association and of the Board recommendation of 22 September 2016.
- The Assembly decides not to grant Ukrenergo Observer Member status as yet.

7.   ENTSO-E position on energy storage and storage services

The Secretary-General presents the ENTSO-E position on energy storage and storage services. The paper argues that energy storage is a technology that should be available to all the actors in the energy value chain and provides potential options and actions including in research and innovation to facilitate the investment framework for energy storage. It stresses that market neutrality is key. An Executive Summary paper will be shortly published.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the position paper on energy storage and storage services, subject to the changes agreed during the 22 September Board meeting, discussed and confirmed during the Assembly.

- The Assembly asks ENTSO-E's relevant bodies to follow up on the proposed activities regarding the development of market and technical requirements for storage participation in the procurement of system services, and to enhance the assessment of storage within the TYNDP process.

8. ENTSO-E Transparency: procedure for the disclosure of data to external parties

The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group presents the new "Procedure for Disclosure of Data to External parties", which reflects the existing practices and increases ENTSO-E transparency while ensuring the protection of confidential and sensitive data.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the Procedure for Disclosure of Data to External Parties;
- The Assembly mandates the ENTSO-E Secretariat, in close cooperation with the LRG, to make if required, minor changes to the Procedure (e.g. consistency, alignment with new policies), not affecting the substance of the Procedure.

9. Nomination advisory committee for office holder elections 2017

The Secretary-General highlights the process and timeline to be followed for the election of the office holders taking place in the Assembly in 2017.

10. ENTSO-E meetings calendar 2017

The President recalls to the Assembly members the dates of Assembly, Board, Committees and LRG meetings in 2017. The President notes that two extraordinary Assembly meetings will take place: the first one within the coming weeks and the second one on 7 December 2016.

11. Any other business

No other business.

12. Approval of the minutes

Decision

- The Assembly approves the minutes and their publication on ENTSO-E website.

The President thanks all attendees for participation.

Done in Copenhagen, 27 September 2016.

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