
**Proposal for nomination rules for Physical Transmission Rights
for the bidding zone border(s) Bulgaria-Greece in accordance
with Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 of 26
September 2016 establishing a Guideline on Forward Capacity
Allocation**

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DISCLAIMER

This document is released on behalf of the transmission system operators ("TSOs") of the bidding zone border(s) Greece-Bulgaria solely for the purpose of public consultation on their proposal for nomination rules for Physical Transmission Right for the bidding zone border(s) Bulgaria - Greece in accordance with Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 2016/1719 of 26 September 2016 establishing a guideline on forward capacity allocation ("FCA Regulation"). This version of the Proposal is a draft proposal and does not constitute a firm, binding or definitive TSOs' position on the content.

All TSOs of the bidding zone border(s) Bulgaria-Greece (hereafter referred to as *BG-GR*), taking into account the following,

Whereas

- (1) This document is the common proposal developed by the Transmission System Operators of the bidding zone border Bulgaria and Greece (hereafter referred to as *TSOs*) for *Nomination Rules* for physical transmission rights (hereafter referred to as the *Proposal*) in accordance with Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 establishing a guideline on Forward Capacity Allocation (hereafter referred to as the *FCA Regulation*).
- (2) Article 31 of the *FCA Regulation* foresees that long-term cross-zonal capacity shall be allocated to market participants in the form of physical transmission rights pursuant to the UIOSI principle or in the form of FTRs — options or FTRs — obligations. This *Proposal* only applies to the physical transmission rights acquired in forward capacity allocation. It lays down the rules for *Nomination* of physical transmission rights for the bidding zone border *BG-GR*.
- (3) In accordance with Article 36(2) of the *FCA Regulation*, this *Proposal* is subject to consultation. Article 6 of the *FCA Regulation* requires that proposals submitted at bilateral or at multilateral level shall be consulted at least by the Member States concerned and that the consultation shall last for a period not less than one month. Accordingly, this *Proposal* was consulted from [•] June 2017 until [•] July 2017.
- (4) This *Proposal* is submitted for the approval of all National Regulatory Authorities (hereafter referred to as the *NRAs*) of the bidding zone border *BG-GR*.
- (5) TSOs on the bidding zone border *BG-GR* consider that the *FCA Regulation* allows the submission of this *Proposal* on bidding zone border level, since proposals for *Nomination Rules* for electricity exchange schedules between bidding zones are not listed in Article 4 of the *FCA Regulation*. They acknowledge that Article 36(3) of the *FCA Regulation* requires all TSOs to progressively harmonise the *Nomination Rules* on all bidding zone borders on which physical transmission rights are applied. *TSOs* therefore undertake to progressively examine the potential and the need for harmonisation of these rules, taking into account their technical nature.
- (6) This *Proposal* contributes to the achievement of the objectives of Article 3 of the *FCA Regulation*. In particular, this *Proposal* serves the aim of promoting effective long-term cross-zonal trade with long-term hedging opportunities for market participants giving a transparent framework for the *Nomination Rules* for Physical Transmission Rights.
- (7) This *Proposal* contributes to the provision of non-discriminatory access to long-term cross-zonal capacity by detailing the process of nominating the physical transmission rights already allocated in the long-term auctions (or the process of transferring that right in accordance with Article 44 of the *FCA Regulation*).
- (8) Furthermore, this *Proposal* ensures fair and non-discriminatory treatment of all affected parties, as it sets rules to be applied by all parties. Before being approved, the rules detailed in this *Proposal* are subject to public consultation in accordance with Article 6 of the *FCA Regulation*.
- (9) Regarding the objective of transparency and reliability of information on forward capacity allocation, this *Proposal* includes provisions on the necessary exchange of information between the holder of the transmission rights and the nomination platform for executing the *Nomination*.
- (10) In conclusion, this *Proposal* contributes to the general objectives of the *FCA Regulation* to the benefit of all market participants and electricity end consumers.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL TO ALL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OF THE BIDDING ZONE BORDER *BG-GR*:

TITLE 1

General provisions

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1. This document describes the provisions governing *Nomination Rules* on *BG-GR* bidding zone border in terms of:
 - Entitlement of a physical transmission rights holder to nominate electricity *Exchange Schedules*;
 - Minimum technical requirement to nominate;
 - Description of the nomination process;
 - Nomination timings;
 - Format and communication
2. This document only contains rules and provision related to the *Nomination* of yearly and monthly physical transmission rights.
3. Forward capacity allocation on the bidding zone border *BG-GR* takes place through joint explicit allocation of physical transmission rights through yearly and monthly auctions in accordance to harmonised allocation rules for long-term transmission rights developed as per Article 51 of the *FCA Regulation* (hereafter *Allocation Rules*) and the proposal for design of Long Term Transmission Rights in accordance with Article 31 of the *FCA Regulation* (hereafter Long Term Rights Design).
4. This *Proposal* contains the terms and conditions for the *Nomination* of long-term physical transmission rights on the bidding zone border *BG-GR* .
5. In accordance with the *FCA Regulation* and the *Allocation Rules*, this *Proposal* shall bind the holders of physical transmission rights, their counterparties where applicable, and eligible parties acting on their behalf.

Article 2

Definitions and interpretation

1. Capitalised terms used in this nomination rules Proposal shall have the meaning given to them in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) 714/2009, Article 2 of Regulation (EC) 2013/543, Article 2 of Regulation (EC) 2015/1222, Article 2 of Directive 2009/72/EC, Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 and in the applicable harmonised allocation rules for long-term transmission rights.
2. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) Allocation Platform' means either the responsible TSO(s) at the bidding zone border *BG-GR* or an entity appointed and commissioned by them or nominated in accordance to national regulations to act on their behalf and on its own name it being a single allocation platform or regional platform(s) for the attribution of Long Term Cross Zonal Capacity through the Auctions.

- (b) 'PTRs' means physical transmission rights as defined in the Allocation Rules and Long Term Rights Design
- (c) 'IPTO' means Independent Power Transmission Operator (ADMIE) the Greek system operator;
- (d) 'ESO' means ELEKTROENERGIEN SISTEMEN OPERATOR EAD, the Bulgarian TSO;
- (e) 'GCT' means Gate Closure time;
- (f) 'COT' means Cut-off time;
- (g) ESS means ETSO Scheduling System;
- (h) ECAN means ETSO Capacity Allocation and Nomination System

Article 3

Effective date and application

This *Proposal* shall enter into force in accordance with the applicable national regulatory regimes. The rules described in this *Proposal* shall apply on the earliest possible date following the approval of the respective *NRAs* in accordance with Article 4 of the *FCA Regulation*. This date will be published by *TSOs* of the bidding zone border *BG-GR* on their website.

TITLE 2

Nomination rules

Article 4

Entitlement to nominate electricity Exchange Schedules

1. In order to *Nominate* physical transmission rights to *ESO* the holders of *PTRs* must have a valid and effective balancing contract with *ESO* or membership of a Bulgarian balance responsible group and to comply with Bulgarian Market Rules. This market participant is allocated capacity holder or has cross-border counter party on TEL side who is allocated capacity holder.
2. In order to *Nominate* physical transmission rights to *ADMIE*, the holders of *PTRs* and/or their counterparties and eligible parties acting on their behalf must have concluded a Day-Ahead Energy Transaction Contract with *LAGIE* (The Operator of Electricity Market S.A.) and Transmission System Contract with *ADMIE*.

Article 5

Minimum technical requirements to nominate

1. *ESO* scheduling system is a web-based application, to which the minimum technical requirements are published on *ESO* website (www.eso.bg).
2. The nomination tool of *ADMIE* is based on Microsoft EXCEL therefore the minimum technical requirement to nominate to *ADMIE* is to have an internet access, an email account and Microsoft Excel.

Article 6

Description of the nomination process

1. The *PTRs* must be *Nominated* to both *TSOs*.
2. The holder of *PTRs* shall notify to the *Allocation Platform* the person eligible to nominate *PTRs*, according to the provisions set in the *Allocation Rules*.
3. The *Allocation Platform* notifies electronically the *Rights Document* of the long term *PTRs*. *The Rights Documents contain the information about the volume that eligible persons are entitled to nominate.*
4. For the *PTR's* allocated on the bidding zone border *BG-GR*,
 - if the *PTR* holder is a registered market participant in the Bulgarian power market, without being a registered market participant in the Greek power market, then the *PTR* holder must designate one or more counterparties eligible to nominate in the Greek power market.
 - if the *PTR* holder is a registered market participant in the Greek power market, without being a registered market participant in the Bulgarian power market, then the *PTR* holder must designate one or more counterparties eligible to nominate in the Bulgarian power market.
5. The *Nominations* submitted to *TSOs* shall not exceed the amount indicated in the *Rights Documents*; otherwise *the Nominations* are reduced pro-rata by *TSOs* at the *GCT* indicated in article (7).
6. After the *GCT*, *TSOs* match the *Nominations* and in case of mismatch the following rule is applied
ESO and ADMIE will reduce the *Nominations* to the minimum value.

Article 7

Nomination timings

Nominations shall be sent to both *TSOs* for both directions by 08:00 CET of the day proceeding the delivery day (*GCT*).

Article 8

Format of nomination and communication

1. ESO set the following format communication and nomination standards to be applied:
 - (a) ETSO ESS 2.3 / 3.3;
 - (b) ETSO ECAN 4.0;
 - (c) General Code list For Data Interchange;

- (d) Acknowledgement Document (EAD) 5.0;
 - (e) ENTSO-E Reference Manual 5.0.
- 2. General rules for the format of nominations are defined in the local market rules.
 - 3. **The nomination tool of ADMIE supports communication via email.** *The nomination tool processes excel files based on a template excel file. The tool processes the files based on a validation procedure described in the Nomination of Cross Border Schedules.*

TITLE 3

Miscellaneous

- 1. For any matter related to PTR's nomination that is not contained in the present document, the following documents shall be valid:
 - a) For nomination to ESO: *Rules Regarding Nomination of Cross Border Schedules*
 - b) For nomination to ADMIE: *Cross Border Scheduling and Nomination Rules*

Article 9

Language

The reference language for this nomination rules Proposal shall be English. For the avoidance of doubt, where TSOs need to translate this nomination rules Proposal into their national language(s), in the event of inconsistencies between the English version published by TSOs in accordance with Article 4(13) of the FCA Regulation and any version in another language the relevant TSOs shall, in accordance with national legislation, provide the relevant NRAs with an updated translation of the nomination rules Proposal