

Electricity Market Rules

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Chapter One General provisions

Art. 1. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) These Electricity Market Rules, hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”, shall regulate:

1. electricity market structure;
2. conditions for participation in the electricity market;
3. (amended – SG/39 of 2014) rules for execution of electricity transactions through bilateral contracts at regulated and freely negotiated prices;
4. (amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) transactions on the power exchange market;
5. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) registration rules of balancing group coordinators, electric power traders, suppliers of ancillary services and balancing energy suppliers;
5a. (new – SG/13 of 2026, effective 03.02.2026) participation rules in the electricity market of active customers, civil energy communities, consumers of their own electricity from renewable sources and renewable energy communities and the contracts to which these trading participants may be parties;
6. (amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) procedures to register schedules on the day before the day of delivery and on the day of delivery and to make settlement by the independent transmission operator;
7. data submission requirements on metered electricity quantities of the independent transmission operator and balancing groups coordinators;
8. data requirements on exchange between trading participants;

9. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) balancing energy market organisation rules;

10. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) ancillary services market organisation rules;

11. (amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) settlement and balancing principles rules;

12. supply by end suppliers rules;

12a. (new – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) rules for supplying from a supplier of last resort;

13. (amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) interconnection capacity allocation market;

14. procedure of switching electricity supplier;

15. procedure of changing the balancing group coordinator;

16. electricity market monitoring;

17. (new – SG/35 of 2019) relations regarding the provision of electric vehicle charging services.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl. SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/35 of 2019, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Market participants, within the meaning of these Rules, shall be:

1. electricity generators;

2. electricity traders;

3. balancing group coordinators;

4. (amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) end consumers, incl. active customers, consumers of their own electricity from renewable sources and operators of publicly accessible charging points;

5. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

6. electricity end suppliers;

7. independent transmission operator;

8. power exchange market operator,

9. distribution system operators,

9a. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) closed distribution system operators;

10. suppliers of last resort;

11. distribution company of traction power;

12. aggregators of a group of sites;

13. neighbouring market and transmission operators, nominated in the member states of the European Union, as well as licensed clearing institutions in the member states of the European Union;

14. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of electricity storage facilities;

15. (new – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) civic energy communities, including renewable energy communities.

Chapter two

ELECTRICITY MARKET STRUCTURE

Section I

Market types

Art. 2. (1) The electricity market includes the following interrelated elements:

1. (supplemented – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017 r.) electricity market through bilateral contracts executed outside the power exchange market;

2. power exchange market;

3. balancing energy market;

4. reserve and ancillary services market;

5. interconnection capacity allocation market.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue 39/2014) Subject of the transactions according to these Rules shall be:

1. (amended and supplemented – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) electricity for sale through bilateral contracts executed outside the power exchange market;

2. electricity for sale on the power exchange market;

3. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) electricity for sale on the balancing energy market;

4. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) availability to participate in frequency containment, frequency restoration with automatic activation and frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities;

5. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021);

6. interconnection capacity;

7. ancillary services;

8. service “access to the network, including system services”;
9. service “electricity transmission and other network services”;
10. “balancing responsibility”.

Art. 3. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Market participants shall acquire right to register electricity transactions after registration in accordance with the requirements of these Rules by the relevant network operator who operates the network to which the generation/consumption sites are connected.

Section II

Electricity market through bilateral contracts

Art. 4. (1) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Market participants under art. 1 paragraph 2 shall execute electricity transactions at freely negotiated prices and/or at regulated prices for each delivery period.

(2) Notification of schedules to the independent transmission operator of transactions under paragraph 1 shall be made on the day before the day of delivery (day ahead) and/or within the day of delivery (intraday).

(3) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) The independent transmission operator (TSO) and the distribution system operators (DSOs) shall purchase electricity only to cover the technological losses in the networks for each separate delivery period.

Section III

Power exchange market

Art. 5. (1) (Amended and suppl. – SG/39 of 2014) Market participants registered for participation in the power exchange market may execute electricity transactions on the power exchange market in accordance with chapter four of these Rules.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, suppl. SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Transactions under paragraph 1 shall be executed at price determined for each delivery period and for each market segment administered by the power exchange market operator licensed for power exchange market organisation.

(3) (Repealed – SG/39 of 2014).

Section IV

Balancing services market

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 6. (1) (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl. SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator shall execute purchase and/or sale transactions of balancing energy:

1. with registered balancing service providers who own dispatchable production and/or consumption facilities and/or electricity storage facilities or manage the loads and generation of aggregated facilities/sites of third parties to cover imbalances in the national market area; and/or
2. when participating in European balancing platforms pursuant to Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23 November 2017 establishing guidelines for electricity balancing.

(2) (Supplemented – SG/39 of 2014, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The balancing service providers under paragraph 1 shall provide availability (range) for upward regulation as a result of auction procedures conducted by the independent transmission operator. Within this range, they are not allowed to conclude transactions on the market through bilateral contracts or on the electricity exchange market, and for this range they are obliged to provide bids for no less than the corresponding quantity of balancing energy.

(3) (Amended and suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/40 of 2020. Effective 1.07.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Market participants under paragraph 1, registered on the balancing energy market, as a result of participation in frequency restoration with automatic and/or manual activation and exchange capacities, shall be obliged to provide their available ranges for downward regulation and shall pay the unproduced or consumed electricity at the lowest price of a downward balancing offer activated in that dispatching period by the independent transmission operator.

(4) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022).

(5) (New- SG/39 of 2014, amended SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

(6) (Previous paragraph 5 – SG/39 of 2014) The independent transmission operator shall activate balancing energy sources to maintain the balance and to ensure reliable and safe operation of the electric power system.

(7) (Previous paragraph 6, amended – SG/ 39 of 2014) The coordinators of balancing groups shall be financially responsible for the caused imbalances in balancing groups to the independent transmission operator.

(8) (Previous paragraph 7, amended – SG/39 of 2014) Market participants under art. 1 paragraph 2 shall share the financial responsibility with the balancing group coordinators in accordance with the contracts for participation in the balancing group.

(9) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl. SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In connection with the fulfilment of its obligations to conclude transactions under paragraph 1, the independent transmission operator shall develop internal instructions for determining the costs that do not participate in the formation of balancing energy prices. The internal instruction, and its subsequent amendments and supplements, shall be submitted to the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission, hereinafter referred to as “EWRC”.

Art. 7. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Balancing energy market shall be administered by the independent transmission operator.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall be a party to the balancing energy transactions with the balancing service providers, the balancing group coordinators and trading participants directly responsible for the realized imbalances towards the independent transmission operator.

Section V

Reserve and ancillary services market

Art. 8. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) In order to ensure secure and reliable electricity supply to the end consumers, the independent transmission operator shall conduct auction procedures for purchasing availability for additional services – frequency containment reserves and frequency restoration reserves (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacities, to ensure their size, specified in the rules under Art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act.

(2) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The participation of the market participants in the auction procedures under paragraph 1 shall be in accordance with the auction rules prepared by the independent transmission operator and published on its website.

Art. 9. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022).

Section VI

Capacity Allocation Market

Art. 10. (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The independent transmission operator shall organise explicit auctions for cross-border transmission capacity allocation in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of the Commission of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management, Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 of the Commission of 26 September 2016

establishing a guideline on preliminary capacity allocation and Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market in electricity in coordination with the system operators of neighbouring countries according to the "Auction Rules" agreed by EWRC and published on the website of the independent transmission operator.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective as of 15.12.2017, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case agreement is not reached for the execution of bilateral coordinated explicit auctions with any of the neighbouring system operators, the independent transmission operator shall apply temporary rules for allocation of 50 % of the transmission capacity on the relevant border. The rules shall be coordinated with EWRC and shall be published on the internet page of the independent transmission operator.

(3) (New- SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall implement the requirements of Regulation EU 2016/1719, related to the introduction of Harmonised Auction Rules for cross-border transmission capacity allocation through single European allocation platform.

(4) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) In case of market coupling of the Bulgarian market area with a neighbouring market area, the independent transmission operator shall determine interconnection transmission capacity for allocation through implicit auctions by the power exchange market operator.

Chapter Three

ELECTRICITY MARKET CONTRACTS. PROVISION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SERVICES

(Title amended – SG/35 of 2019)

Section I

Contract types

Art. 11. Electricity market contracts shall be:

1. contract for access to the electricity transmission network and provision of system services;
2. contract for electricity transmission through the electricity transmission network;
3. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) contracts for access and electricity transmission to/through the electricity distribution network;
- 3a. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) contracts for access and transmission of electricity to/through a closed electricity distribution network;
4. contract for sale of electricity;

5. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) contract for the purchase of availability for participation in frequency containment;

6. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) contract for the purchase of availability for participation in frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities;

6a. (new – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) contract for the purchase of availability for participation in frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities;

7. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) contract for participation in the balancing market with balancing service provider;

8. balancing contract with balancing group coordinator;

8a. (New – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) balancing contract with electricity trader without physical generation/consumption sites;

9. contract for participation in balancing group;

10. combined services contract;

11. (amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) contract for participation in the power exchange market;

11a. (new – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) contract for the supply of electricity in other market areas, in connection with the functioning of the single market coupling pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of the Commission of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management", hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of EC "

12. (amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 31.12.2025) clearing services contract;

13. framework contract;

14. (amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl. SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

15. contract for electricity metering data exchange;

16. (amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

17. (new – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) contract under art. 100 paragraph 6 of the Energy Act;

18. (new – SG/46 of 2025, effective 6.06.2025, amended SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

contract under art. 100 paragraph 9, item 2 of the Energy Act.

Section II

Parties and subject of the contracts

Art. 12. (1) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 1 is the provision of the service “access to the transmission network” and system services.

(2) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator, on one side, and:

1. end consumers connected to the transmission network;

2. producers connected to the transmission network;

2a. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the electricity transmission network;

3. distribution system operators;

4. (repealed – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, new, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of closed electricity distribution networks connected to the electricity transmission network;

5. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl. SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) market participants who have concluded written contracts for connection to the electricity transmission network of sites, for the period of validity of the temporary operation notification and/or for the time of connection of the sites under a temporary access scheme.

(3) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contract under paragraph 2 items 3 and 4 shall regulate also the procedure and the conditions for the transfer by the distribution system and closed distribution system operators to the independent transmission operator of the amounts for access to the electricity transmission network due by end consumers, producers and electricity storage facilities operators for sites connected to the electricity distribution or closed electricity distribution network.

(4) (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under para. 2, items 2, 2a, 3 and 4 shall stipulate the form and amount of the guarantee collateral thereunder.

(5) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 4, amended SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under para. 2, items 1, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 are of indefinite duration.

(6) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 5, amended SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under paragraph 2, item 5 shall be valid for the term of the temporary notice of operation and/or for the time of connection of the sites under a temporary access scheme.

Art. 13. (1) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 2 is the provision of the service “electricity transmission through the transmission network”.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be executed between the independent transmission operator, on one side, and:

1. end consumers connected to the transmission network;

2. (suppl. SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) producers connected to the transmission network in their capacity as end customers;

2a. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the electricity transmission network;

3. distribution system operators;

4. (amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, new, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of closed electricity distribution networks connected to the electricity transmission network;

5. (new – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl. SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) trading participants who have concluded written contracts for connection to the electricity transmission network of sites, for the period of validity of the temporary operation notification and/or for the time of connection of the sites under a temporary access scheme.

(3) (Repealed – SG/39 of 2014, new, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under paragraph 2 item 3 and 4 shall regulate the procedure and the conditions for the transfer by the distribution system and closed distribution system operators to the independent transmission operator of the amounts for transmission through the electricity transmission network, payable by end consumers, producers and electricity storage facilities operators for sites connected to the electricity distribution or closed electricity distribution network.

(4) (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under para. 2, items 2, 2a, 3 and 4 shall stipulate the form and amount of the guarantee collateral thereunder.

(5) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 4, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under para. 2, items 1, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 are of indefinite duration.

(6) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 5, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under paragraph 2, item 5 shall be valid for the term of the temporary notice of operation and/or for the time of connection of the sites under a temporary access scheme.

Art. 14. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 3 shall be

the provision of the services “access to the distribution network” and “electricity transmission through the electricity distribution network”.

(2) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the distribution system operator, on one side, and:

1. (supplemented – SG/ 39 of 2014) end consumers connected to the electricity distribution network under general conditions;

2. producers connected to the electricity distribution network;

3. (repealed – SG/39 of 2014, new, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) electricity storage facilities operators connected to the electricity distribution network;

4. (repealed – SG/39 of 2014, new, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) operators of closed electricity distribution networks connected to the electricity distribution network.

(3) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) The distribution system operator and the end supplier shall settle their financial relations in respect to the payment of the network services through a contract.

(4) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The service of transmission of electrical energy through the electricity distribution network is provided to producers in their capacity as end customers.

(5) (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under paragraph 2 item 4 shall regulate the procedure and the conditions for the transfer by the closed distribution system operators to the independent transmission operator of the amounts for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network and for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network, payable by end consumers, producers and electricity storage facilities operators for sites connected to closed electricity distribution network.

(6) (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The contracts under para. 2, items 2, 3 and 4 shall stipulate the form and amount of the guarantee collateral thereunder.

Art. 14a. (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) The subject of the contracts under Art. 11, item 3a is the provision of the services "access to the closed electricity distribution network" and "transmission of electricity through the closed electricity distribution network".

(2) The contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the operator of a closed electricity distribution network, on the one hand, and:

1. end consumers connected to the closed electricity distribution network, under general conditions;
2. producers connected to the closed electricity distribution network;
3. operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the closed electricity distribution network.

(3) The service "transmission of electrical energy through the closed electricity distribution network" is provided to producers in their capacity as end consumers.

(4) The contracts under para. 2, items 2 and 3 shall stipulate the form and amount of the guarantee collateral thereunder.

Art. 15. (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The contracts for sale of electricity under art. 11 item 4 shall be concluded at regulated prices and prices under art. 30a, para. 3 of the Energy Act, freely negotiated prices, prices under the approved by EWRC methodology and under long-term contracts for purchase of electricity and availability.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Contracts at regulated prices and prices under art. 30a, para. 3 of the Energy Act, shall be concluded between:

1. (amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

2. (amended - SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

3. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) end suppliers, on one side, and household and non-household end consumers - for sites connected to the electricity distribution network at low voltage level, provided these consumers haven't changed the supplier;

4. (supplemented – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) final suppliers, on the one hand, and producers with sites with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW, which produce electricity from renewable sources up to the amount of net specific production of electricity, and in a combined manner, on the other hand.

(3) (amended – SG/39 of 2014, suppl., SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Contracts at freely negotiated prices shall be concluded between trading participants under art. 1, para. 2 in compliance of the requirements of art. 100 of the Energy Act.

(4) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Contracts at prices determined according to methodology approved by EWRC shall be concluded between the suppliers of last resort and end consumers who haven't selected another electricity supplier or have no supplier, under publicly known general terms and conditions that enter into force for end customers without explicit written acceptance, as of the date on which the site of the respective end customer is transferred to the balancing group of the supplier of last resort.

(5) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(6) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Art. 16. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 items 5, 6 and 6a shall be the provision of availability to participate in frequency containment, frequency restoration with automatic activation and frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

(2) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator, on one side, and trading participants, for dispatchable production and/or consumption sites and/or electricity storage facilities and/or aggregated facilities/sites, who have fulfilled the requirements of the rules under Art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act.

Art. 17. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 7 shall be the provision of balancing energy to the independent transmission operator from an activated frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacity, as well as from a replacement reserve.

(2) (Amended and suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator, on one side, and trading participants, for dispatchable production and/or consumption sites and/or electricity storage facilities and/or aggregated facilities/sites.

Art. 18. (1) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 8 shall be the physical and financial settlement of the imbalances for the metering points that form the virtual electricity metering device determined for the relevant balancing group.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator, on one side, and on the other side:

1. the coordinators of balancing groups;
2. market participants who are responsible for the imbalances of their own sites;
3. (suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) trading participants who have concluded written contracts for connection to the electricity transmission network of sites, for the period of validity of the temporary operation notification and/or for the time of connection of the sites under a temporary access scheme.

(3) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The contracts under para. 2, items 1 and 2 are indefinite.

(4) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The contracts under paragraph 2, item 3 shall

be valid for the term of the temporary notice of operation.

Art. 18a. (New – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) (1) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 8a shall be the physical and financial settlement of the imbalances for the metering points that form the virtual electricity metering device of the trading participant.

(2) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator and an electricity trader without physical sites.

Art. 19. (1) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 point 9 shall be the conditions for participation in a balancing group, the transfer of balancing responsibility and the methodology for allocation of the total imbalance within the balancing group between the separate members of the balancing group.

(2) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the coordinator and the members of the balancing group.

(3) (Supplemented – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Contracts under paragraph 1 between the end suppliers, in their capacity of special balancing group coordinators, and household end consumers at low voltage level, when these consumers haven't changed the supplier, shall be concluded under the general conditions approved by EWRC.

(4) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(5) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Contracts under paragraph 1 between suppliers of last resort, in their capacity of balancing group coordinators, and end consumers who haven't selected another electricity supplier or have no supplier, shall be concluded under general conditions approved by EWRC.

Art. 20. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 10 shall be the sale of electricity and the payment of services used by the end consumer: “access to the electricity transmission and/or electricity distribution network and/or closed electricity distribution network”, “electricity transmission through the transmission network and/or to the electricity distribution network and/or closed electricity distribution network“ and “balancing responsibility”, in cases under art. 27, para. 5, item 3 – “access and transmission for producers” where the electricity supplier and the balancing group coordinator are one and the same entity. These contracts shall regulate the relations in respect to the payments due for network services for the relevant price period.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between:

1. suppliers of last resort and end consumers who haven't selected another electricity supplier

or they have no supplier - under general conditions;

2. electricity trader and end consumer with standardized load profile.

(3) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Contracts under paragraph 1 may be concluded between end consumers without standardized load profile and an electricity trader who is also coordinator of the consumer's balancing group.

(4) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded after the conclusion of framework contract under art.11 item 13.

Art. 21. (Amended - SG/39 of 2014) (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Subject of the contracts under art. 11 item 11 shall be the rights and obligations concerning the participation in a separate market segment forming part of the power exchange market.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Contracts under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the power exchange market operator, on one side, and the respective trading participant pursuant to chapter four of these Rules, in accordance with the Operational Rules of the regulated exchange market published on the internet page of the power exchange market operator.

Art. 21a. (New – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The subject of the contracts under Art. 11, item 11a are the rights and obligations of the parties in relation to participation in a market grouping in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of the EC, as well as the management of financial risk and the establishment of a settlement in the event of such participation.

Art. 22. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended SG/52 of 2025, effective 31.12.2025) (1) Subject of the contract under art. 11 item 12 shall be the rights and of the parties in connection with the provision of clearing services to guarantee payments under transactions concluded on an organized electricity exchange market.

(2) Contract under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between the power exchange market operator, on one side, and a person representing clearing services, on the other side.

Art. 22a. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 23. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) Subject of the framework contract under art. 11 item 13 shall be the settlement of the financial relations related to network services

for end consumers, demand-side producers and energy storage operators.

(2) Framework contract shall be concluded between the independent transmission operator and/or a distribution system operator and/or a closed distribution system operator, on one side and a supplier of last resort/trader, on the other.

Art. 24. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021., repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 25. (1) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Subject of the contract under art. 11 item 15 shall be the provision of data from the electricity metering devices, validation and aggregation by balancing groups, deadlines for provision and format of the files.

(2) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Contract under paragraph 1 shall be concluded between:

1. (amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) the independent transmission operator, on one side, and a distribution system operator or a closed distribution system operator, on the other side;

2. a distribution system operator, on one side, and a closed distribution system operator connected to this distribution network, on the other.

(3) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Contract under paragraph 1 shall include also the responsibility of the closed distribution system operators, the distribution system operators and the independent transmission operator in the event of errors in the metering data that lead to additional costs for any of the operators, as well as the methods and deadlines for compensation of these costs.

Art. 26. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 26a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The subject of the contract under Art. 11, item 17 is the sale of the produced electricity by producers under Art. 162a of the Energy Act and producers from renewable sources with sites with a total installed electrical capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW to a balancing group coordinator pursuant to Art. 100, para. 6 of the Energy Act.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The contract under para. 1 is concluded between producers under Art. 162a of the Energy Act or producers from renewable sources with sites with a total installed electrical capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW, on the one hand, and on the other hand, a coordinator of a standard balancing group of which the producers are members.

(3) The coordinator of the balancing group shall be obliged to sell the purchased electricity under a contract under paragraph 1 through separate registration on an exchange market under the

terms of these rules.

Art. 26b. (New – SG/46 of 2025, effective 6.06.2025, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) (1) The subject of the contracts under Art. 11, item 18 is the sale of electricity to end suppliers by producers and traders:

1. independently; or
2. through a balancing group coordinator.

(2) In the cases under para. 1, item 1, a sales contract is concluded between a producer or trader, on the one hand, and an end supplier, on the other, by initiating a sales auction, respectively a purchase auction, of the mechanism under art. 100, para. 8 of the Energy Act.

(3) In the cases under para. 1, item 2, a sales contract is concluded:

1. between a producer or trader, in their capacity as a seller, and a coordinator of a standard balancing group of which the producer or trader is a member, in their capacity as a buyer, outside the exchange market;

2. a contract for the resale of the purchased electricity by the respective coordinator under item 1, in their capacity as seller, and the final supplier, in their capacity as buyer, by initiating a sales auction, respectively a purchase auction, of the mechanism under Art. 100, para. 8 of the Energy Act.

(4) In the cases under paragraph 3, item 2, the coordinator of a standard balancing group may also sell electricity produced by their own energy sites included in this group.

Section III

Procedure, conditions and ratio in payment for network services and price for public service obligations. Transit transactions

(Title amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023)

Art. 27. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) (Suppl. – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) End customers and producers pay for the network services provided to them on the invoiced or, in cases of energy sharing, measured quantities of active power in accordance with the electricity metering devices and/or provided power in the metering points, determined in accordance with art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act and the contracts under art. 11 items 1, 2, 3 and 3a, at prices approved by EWRC and/or applied by the relevant operator of a closed electricity distribution network.

(2) Operators of independent electricity storage facilities shall pay for network services at the applicable end-customer prices as follows:

1. access price and transmission price for end customers only for the difference between the quantity of electricity purchased by participants in the electricity market and the quantity

- of electricity purchased by these participants and returned to the relevant network, and/or
2. access price for end customers, approved/determined on the provided/agreed capacity with the relevant network operator to ensure the facility's own needs and transmission price for end customers on the calculated quantity under item 1.

(3) When a facility for storing electrical energy is built at a production site and technical conditions do not exist or are not provided for measuring the quantities of electrical energy consumed/produced by the production site and the non-independent sites connected to it, both between them and separately from the quantities entering/exporting from/to the network, the producer pays for network services for access and transmission to/through the relevant electricity network at the applicable rates:

1. access and transmission prices for producers on the difference between the quantity of electricity supplied and received into/from the network, when this difference is a positive value, and/or
2. access price for producers, approved/determined on the producer's power provided/agreed with the relevant network operator, and transmission price for producers on the calculated quantity under item 1, or
3. access and transmission prices for end customers on the difference between the amount of electricity received and delivered from/to the network, when this difference is a positive value, and/or
4. access price for end customers, approved/determined on the provided/agreed capacity with the relevant network operator to ensure the producer's own needs and the electricity storage facility, and transmission price for end customers on the calculated quantity under item 3.

(4) When an electrical energy storage facility is built at a consumption site and technical conditions do not exist or are not provided for measuring the quantities of electrical energy consumed/produced by the consumption site and the connected non-independent sites, both between them and separately from the quantities entering/exporting from/to the network, the end customer pays for network services at the applicable:

1. access and transmission prices for end customers on the difference between the quantity of electricity received and delivered from/to the network, and/or
2. access price for end customers, approved/determined on the provided/agreed capacity of the end customer with the relevant network operator, and transmission price for end customers on the calculated quantity under item 1.

(5) When an installation for the production and storage of electrical energy is built at a consumption site and technical conditions do not exist or are not provided for measuring the quantities of electrical energy consumed/produced by the consumption site and the independent sites connected to it, both between them and separately from the quantities entering/exporting from/to the network, the end customer pays for network services at the applicable:

1. access and transmission prices for end customers on the quantity of electricity received from the network, and/or
2. access price for end customers, approved/determined on the provided/agreed capacity of the end customer with the relevant network operator, and transmission price for end customers on the quantity under item 1, and/or

3. access and transmission prices for producers on the quantity of electricity delivered to the network.

Art. 27a. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) The persons under Art. 31d, para. 1 shall not pay a price for transmission through the electricity transmission network for end customers and/or producers for electricity quantities allocated for consumption (shared) in the group under Art. 31e, para. 1, calculated in accordance with the methodology under Art. 21, para. 1, item 11a of the Energy Act, which:

1. can be transferred from a generating to a consuming site, connected at a low voltage level, without conversion of the electricity (galvanic connection),
2. can be transferred from a generating site connected at medium voltage to an electrical installation owned by the electricity distribution network operator to a low voltage consuming facility in no more than one conversion.

(2) The presence, respectively the absence, of circumstances under para. 1 shall be established ex officio by the network operator under Art. 31f, para. 1 or jointly by the network operators under Art. 31f, para. 2, with the relevant information being provided to the participants in the group under Art. 31e, para. 1, as well as, upon request, to other network users for the relevant sites.

(3) In the cases under para. 1, the relevant network operator shall determine, in accordance with the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11a of the Energy Act, the share of each of the generating sites in the electricity quantity allocated for consumption (shared) to a consuming site in two consecutive calculation stages, as follows:

1. in the first stage, the maximum possible size of the part of the allocated (shared) electricity quantity that can be transferred from the generating to the consuming site without electricity conversion (galvanic connection) and/or with no more than one conversion shall be determined;
2. in the second stage, the amount of remaining electricity allocated for consumption (shared) shall be determined.

Art. 28. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) End customers, including producers in consumption mode and electricity storage facilities operators connected to the electricity transmission network, shall pay approved by EWRC for the respective price period prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network and for other network services under the electricity transmission network, as well as prices for access and transmission for producers in the cases under Art. 27, para. 5, item 3, who pay to the independent transmission operator and/or the supplier of the last instance, and/or to the trader with whom they have concluded a contract under Art. 11, item 10.

(2) End customers, including producers in consumption mode and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the electricity distribution network, owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network, for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network and for other network services on the electricity distribution network, as well as prices for access and transmission for producers in the cases under art. 27, para. 5, item 3, which they pay to the electricity distribution network operator and/or the end supplier, and/or the supplier of last resort, and/or the trader with whom they have concluded a contract under art. 11, item 10. For these customers, the prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network are paid by the electricity distribution network operator of the independent transmission operator in accordance with the contracts under articles 12 and 13.

(3) End customers, including producers in consumption mode and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to a closed electricity distribution network connected to the electricity transmission network, owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period for access and

transmission to/through the electricity transmission network, prices applied by the relevant operator for access and transmission to/through the closed electricity distribution network and for other network services on the closed electricity distribution network, as well as prices for access and transmission for producers in the cases under art. 27, para. 5, item 3, which they pay to the operator of the closed electricity distribution network and/or to the supplier of last resort, and/or to the trader with whom they have concluded a contract under art. 11, item 10. For these customers, the prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network are paid by the operator of the closed electricity distribution network of the independent transmission operator in accordance with the contracts under articles 12 and 13.

(4) End customers, including producers in consumption mode and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to a closed electricity distribution network connected to an electricity distribution network, owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network, for access and transmission to/through the relevant electricity distribution network, applied by the relevant operator prices for access and transmission to/through the closed electricity distribution network and for other network services on the closed electricity distribution network, as well as prices for access and transmission for producers in the cases under art. 27, para. 5, item 3, which they pay to the operator of the closed electricity distribution network and/or to the supplier of last resort, and/or to the trader with whom they have concluded a contract under art. 11, item 10. For these customers, the prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network and the prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network are paid by the operator of the closed electricity distribution network to the operator of the electricity distribution network in accordance with the contract under article 14. The electricity distribution network operator shall pay the independent transmission operator the prices for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network in accordance with the contracts under articles 12 and 13.

(5) Producers connected to the electricity transmission network owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period on the entire amount of electricity produced and/or provided/contracted capacity for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network and for other network services on the electricity transmission network, which they pay to the electricity transmission network operator.

(6) Producers connected to the electricity distribution network owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period on the entire volume of electricity produced and/or provided/contracted capacity for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network, for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network and for other network services on the electricity distribution network, which they pay to the electricity distribution network operator. The amounts collected for the services of access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network are paid by the operator of the electricity distribution network to the independent transmission operator in accordance with the contracts under articles 12 and 13.

(7) Producers connected to closed electricity distribution network owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period on the entire volume of electricity produced and/or provided/contracted capacity for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network, for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network and for other network services on the electricity distribution network, which they pay to the electricity distribution network operator. The amounts collected for the services of access and transmission to/through the closed electricity transmission network are paid by the operator of the electricity distribution network to the independent transmission operator in accordance with the contracts

under articles 12 and 13.

(8) Producers connected to a closed electricity distribution network, connected to an electricity distribution network, owe prices approved by EWRC for the relevant price period on the entire volume of electricity produced and/or provided/agreed capacity for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network, for access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network, prices applied by the relevant operator for access and transmission to/through the closed electricity distribution network and for other network services on the closed electricity distribution network, which they pay to the operator of the closed electricity distribution network. The amounts collected for the services of access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network and access and transmission to/through the electricity distribution network shall be paid by the operator of the closed electricity distribution network to the operator of the electricity distribution network in accordance with the contract under article 14. The electricity distribution network operator shall pay the independent transmission operator the amounts collected for access and transmission to/through the electricity transmission network in accordance with the contracts under art. 12 and 13.

(9) Producers that supply their own sites through networks that are not owned by the independent transmission operator, electricity distribution network operator and closed electricity distribution network operator do not owe prices for access and transmission to/through the relevant network.

Art. 29. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl. SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) Household end consumers of end suppliers shall pay all network services for the relevant price period to the end supplier.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) The end supplier shall collect and pay to the distribution system operator all sums for network services for the relevant price period, for the total quantity of electricity invoiced by the end supplier or measured, in cases of energy sharing.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) The supplier of last resort collects from its end customers all amounts for network services for the relevant price period for the entire invoiced or, in cases of energy sharing, measured quantity of electricity and pays them to the operator to whose network the relevant end customers are connected.

(4) (Suppl. – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) The electricity trader collects from their end customers with whom he has concluded a contract under art. 11, item 10, all amounts for network services for the relevant price period for the entire invoiced or, in cases of energy sharing, measured quantity of electricity and pays them to the operator to whose network the relevant end customers are connected.

(5) End suppliers, traders and suppliers of last resort pay the amounts due for network services to the relevant network operator regardless of whether they have received payment from the end customer.

(6) The distribution system operator shall pay to the independent transmission operator the network services relevant to the electricity transmission network, for the total quantity of electricity transmitted to end consumers connected to the respective electricity distribution network or to the closed electricity distribution networks connected to it.

(7) The operator of a closed electricity distribution network connected to the electricity transmission network shall pay the independent transmission operator for the network services

related to the electricity transmission network for the entire amount of electricity transmitted to end customers connected to the closed electricity distribution network.

(8) The operator of a closed electricity distribution network connected to an electricity distribution network shall pay the relevant electricity distribution network operator for the network services related to the electricity transmission network and to that electricity distribution network, as follows:

1. price for access to the electricity distribution network on the provided/contracted power at the connection point of the closed electricity distribution network to the electricity distribution network;

2. price for transmission through an electricity distribution network for the entire amount of electricity entering the closed electricity distribution network from the relevant electricity distribution network.

Art. 30. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) (Amended – SG/50 of 2023, effective 9.06.2023) All trading participants who sell electricity to end customers, producers in consumption mode and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the electricity system of the Republic of Bulgaria, including the transmission network operator, electricity distribution network operators and operators of closed electricity distribution networks, pay to the Electricity System Security Fund a price for public service obligations in BGN per MWh of invoiced electricity.

- (2) The persons under para. 1, with the exception of the network operators, shall pay a price for public service obligations to the Electricity System Security Fund on the invoiced quantities of electricity for network services for the sites of the end customers, producers in consumption mode and operators of electricity storage facilities to which they supply electricity, according to the data submitted by the relevant network operator to the Electricity System Security Fund under para. 4.

- (3) The electricity transmission network operator, electricity distribution network operators and operators of closed electricity distribution networks shall pay a price for public service obligations on the approved measured values of the electricity quantity for technological costs in accordance with art. 92, information about which shall be provided to the Electricity System Security Fund by the 10th day of the month following the reporting month.

- (4) A report on the quantities of electricity reported, on which a price for public service obligations is charged, is provided to the Electricity System Security Fund by the independent transmission operator for the sites with trading metering devices that are able to measure electricity for each settlement period, regardless of which network they are connected to, by the 10th day of the month following the reporting month, as well as a report on the quantities of electricity consumed by the sites of the end customers supplied by the end supplier. A report on the transmitted and invoiced quantities of electricity according to the readings of the trading metering devices, on which a price for public service obligations is charged, shall be submitted to the Electricity System Security Fund by the electricity distribution network operators for the sites to which standardized load profiles are applied, by the 10th day of the month following the reporting month. The information shall be provided summarized by trading participants.

- (5) In cases of more than one supplier, the volume of electricity consumed is distributed proportionally between the individual suppliers based on schedules registered by the independent transmission operator.

- (6) The persons liable under paragraph 1 shall pay to the Electricity System Security Fund a price for public service obligations in BGN per MWh of invoiced electricity, regardless of whether

they have received payment from the end customer.

Art.31 (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, Amended and suppl. – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 1.02.2018, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/35 of 2019, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Transactions for transit of electricity through the electric power system of Bulgaria can only be executed within one balancing group, by one legal entity.

Section IV **(New – SG/35 of 2019)**

Provision of electric vehicle charging services

Art. 31a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, previous art. 31c, SG/50 of 2023, effective 9.06.2023) Charging point operators may provide customers with services in relation to the charging of electric vehicles on a contractual basis, including on behalf and for the account of other service providers.

Art. 31b. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, repealed, SG/35 of 2019, previous art. 31d, SG/50 of 2023, effective 9.06.2023) All publicly accessible charging points also provide the opportunity for users of electric vehicles to charge ad hoc, without entering into a contractual relationship with the relevant electricity supplier or operator.

Art. 31c. (New – SG/35 of 2019, previous art. 31d, SG/50 of 2023, effective 9.06.2023) For issues not settled in this section, the current civil legislation applies.

Chapter Three “a” **(New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026)**

PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTRICITY MARKET OF ACTIVE CUSTOMERS, CIVIL ENERGY COMMUNITIES, USERS OF OWN ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITIES

Section I **(New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026)**

General provisions

Art. 31d. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) This chapter regulates the participation in the electricity market of:

1. active customers, including a group of jointly operating active customers;
2. civil energy communities;
3. consumers of own electricity from renewable sources, including jointly operating consumers of own electricity from renewable sources;
4. renewable energy communities;
5. electricity network users, with whom persons under items 1 – 4 conclude transactions

of electricity.

(2) Persons under para. 1, items 1 – 4 may be parties to the contracts under art. 11, with the exception of those under art. 11, items 5, 8a, 11a, 12, 13 and 15.

Art. 31e. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) For the purposes of participation in the electricity market, the sites of persons under Art. 31d, para. 1, with the exception of generation sites using preferential prices that have not reached the amount of their assigned net specific production, shall be included in a common group, hereinafter referred to as "group" or "the group".

(2) A group consists of at least two sites that together and/or separately consume and generate electricity.

(3) A site under paragraph 1 may be included in only one group.

(4) Each site in the group should have installed commercial metering device for the quantities of consumed and/or generated electricity, with the possibility of remote reading and transmission of measurement data by settlement periods.

Section II

(New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026)

Registration

Art. 31f. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) A person under Art. 31d, para. 1, items 1 – 4 or its representative shall submit a registration application regarding the group composition to the electricity network operator, to which the relevant sites are connected.

(2) When the sites in the group are connected to more than one electricity network, the application under para. 1 shall be submitted to:

1. the operator to whose network the largest number of sites is connected;
2. operator chosen by the person – with an equal number of sites connected to the relevant electricity networks.

Art. 31g. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) The application shall be based on the template of the respective network operator and shall contain at least the following information:

1. name of the applicant;
2. EIC/BULSTAT/Personal identification No of the applicant;
3. correspondence address;
4. contact e-mail and telephone;
5. identification code of each of the sites in the group, used by the respective network operator.

(2) The following shall be attached to the application under para. 1:

1. written consent for participation in the group from each of the persons whose sites are included in it, as well as for provision of all necessary data to the relevant persons;
2. a copy of a power of attorney, if the applicant is represented by an authorized person.

Art. 31h. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) The network operator shall verify the provided data and documents and the compliance with the requirements of the Energy Act, the Renewable Energy Act and the secondary legislation implementing them within 5 working days in the cases under Art. 31f, para. 1, respectively up to 10 working days in the cases under Art. 31f, para. 2.

(2) If it is established that the applicant has not provided the necessary data and documents in accordance with the requirements of Art. 31g and/or the operator of the relevant network

considers that it is necessary for the applicant to provide additional data and documents, a written notice shall be sent to the applicant to provide the necessary data and documents within 5 working days.

(3) In case the applicant does not meet the requirements of the Energy Act, the Renewable Energy Act and the secondary regulations for their implementation and/or the necessary additional data and/or missing documents are not submitted within the period under para. 2, the network operator terminates the registration procedure by placing a date in the relevant file, and the procedure may be renewed again at the initiative of the applicant.

(4) In case the applicant meets the requirements of the Energy Act, the Renewable Energy Act and the secondary regulations for their implementation and the data and documents provided in the application are complete and correct or the deficiencies have been eliminated within 5 working days of the expiry of the period under para. 1 or para. 2, the network operator shall register the group under art. 31e, para. 1 and notify any other operator to whose network the sites - part of the group - are connected.

(5) The methodology under Art. 21, para. 1, item 11a of the Energy Act applies:

1. when the group is registered by the 25th of the month inclusive – from the 1st date of the following month;

2. when the group is registered after the 25th of the month – from the 1st date of the month after next month.

(6) The network operators shall provide the suppliers/coordinators of balancing groups of sites in the group with information under para. 5 and a list of the identification codes of the sites. Each network operator shall provide information on the sites that are connected to its own network within 2 working days before the beginning of the month under para. 5.

Art.31i. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) For any change in the number of sites in the group, an application is submitted to the network operator with which the group is registered.

(2) When an inclusion of a new site in the group is requested, the application shall contain the data under Art. 31g, para. 1, item 5 and the documents under Art. 31g, para. 2.

(3) When an exclusion of a site from the group is requested, the application shall contain the data under Art. 31g, para. 1, item 5 and a document under Art. 31g, para. 2, item 2.

(4) In the cases under paras. 2 and 3, the procedure and deadlines under Art. 31h shall apply.

(5) In the event of a change of owner or user of a site in the group, the site shall remain in the group until an application under paragraph 3 is submitted.

Art.31j. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) In the cases of Art. 31i, para. 2 and/or 3, which require registration of the group under Art. 31e, para. 1 with another operator:

1. within five working days, the operator who carried out the initial registration shall deregister the group from the register under Art. 31i and shall send the necessary data and documents to the relevant operator ex officio.

2. within five working days after receiving the data and documents under item 1, the new operator shall ex officio enter the group in the register kept by it.

(2) The termination of the registration under para. 1, item 1 and, respectively, the entry in the register under para. 1, item 2 shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the month of the actual performance of the actions under para. 1, items 1 and 2.

(3) The relevant network operator shall notify the applicant:

1. about all actions taken under para. 1 – within three days of their execution;

2. about the entry into force of the new registration – no later than three days before the date of its completion.

(4) The network operators shall notify the relevant suppliers/balancing group coordinators of the entry into force of the new registration no later than three days before the date of its implementation.

Art. 31k. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) The registration of the group shall be terminated within 5 working days of the submission of a written request to the network operator by a person without whose participation the group would not meet the requirements of Art. 36e.

(2) The group's registration is terminated ex officio by the network operator within 5 working days of receiving information about:

1. removal of a person under para. 1 from the electricity market;
2. declaring a person under para. 1 bankrupt or in liquidation;
3. termination of the activity of a person as a citizen energy community or renewable energy community.

4. when a person under para. 1 ceases to meet the requirements of the Energy Act, the Renewable Energy Act and the subordinate regulations for their implementation.

(3) The relevant network operator shall deregister the group from the register under Art. 31l and within three days notify the participants in the group and the suppliers/coordinators of balancing groups of the sites connected to its own network. Within the same period, the network operator shall also send a notification to the other network operators in the cases under Art. 31f, para. 2.

(4) Within three days of receiving the information under para. 3, the relevant network operators shall notify the suppliers/coordinators of balancing groups of the sites that are connected to their own networks.

Art. 31l. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) Each electricity network operator shall maintain a public register of groups under Art. 31e, para. 1. When persons under Art. 31d, para. 1, item 2 or 4 form a group or are part of a group, the network operator shall explicitly note them in the register.

Section III

(New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026)

Provision of data and calculation of the quantities of generated, distributed for consumption (shared) and sold electricity

Art. 31m. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) When the sites in the group are connected to more than one electricity network, each operator shall provide the operator that registered the group with measurement data by settlement periods for the sites connected to its own network by the second working day of the calendar month following the month to which the data relate, but no later than the third calendar day.

Art. 31n. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) The calculation of the quantities of generated, distributed for consumption (shared) and sold electricity for the sites of persons under Art. 31d is carried out by the operator who registered the relevant group, according to the methodology under Art. 21, para. 1, item 11a of the Energy Act.

Art. 31o. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) (1) After calculating the quantities under Art. 31n, the relevant operator shall provide the data on them by the second working day of the calendar month following the month to which the data relate, but no later than the third calendar

day, to:

1. each supplier/coordinator of a balancing group of a site in the group connected to its own network;

2. each operator for the sites, part of the group, which are not connected to its own network.

(2) The operator under para. 1, item 2 shall provide, within the third working day, but no later than the fourth calendar day, the received data under art. 31n to each supplier/coordinator of a balancing group of a site in the group connected to its own network.

(3) Each supplier/coordinator of a balancing group shall reflect the data under Art. 31n in the monthly invoices of the relevant sites.

Chapter Four

POWER EXCHANGE MARKET

Section I

General provisions

Art. 32. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) (1) The power exchange market operator shall administer all transactions on the power exchange market in accordance with these Rules and the operational rules of the power exchange market approved by EWRC.

(2) The power exchange market operator shall publish the operational rules for electricity exchange market on its internet page, after their approval by EWRC.

Art. 32a. (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The power exchange market operator is member of the Price Coupling of Regions.

Art. 33. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) Trading participants who execute transactions at freely negotiated prices shall be entitled to participate in the power exchange market organised within the market area of the Republic of Bulgaria by the power exchange market operator, or to participate in a power exchange market organised by another market operator in the region or jointly by two or more operators, in compliance with the operational rules of the power exchange market published on the website of the operator.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The transactions concluded on the electricity exchange market for the market segments to which the exchange operator is a party in accordance with the rules under art. 32, para. 2, shall be notified to the independent transmission operator by the exchange market operator on day D-1 and/or on day D within the time limits set by the independent transmission operator's instructions, and the notified transactions shall be binding on the relevant trading participants.

(3) (New – SG/39 of 2014, amended and suppl., SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The transactions carried out by the trading participants on the electricity

exchange market for the market segments to which the exchange operator is not a party in accordance with the rules under art. 32, para. 2, shall be notified by the trading participants as nominations for exchange between the relevant market participants who have concluded transactions with each other.

(4) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not apply to transactions with electricity which are concluded under the terms and conditions of article 119, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Energy Act.

(5) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, previous para. 4, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In case of emergency situations leading to inability of the power exchange operator to promptly notify the transactions executed on the power exchange market, the power exchange operator shall notify the independent transmission operator of the delay in accordance with the rules adopted by the Multi-regional Coupling -MRC, the Price Coupling of Regions –PCR, the Single Day Ahead Coupling - SDAC and the Single Intraday Coupling -SIDC.

Art. 34. (1) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) These Rules regulate option for purchase and sale of electricity by the trading participants registered on the power exchange market in Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the ones under art.1, para.2, item 13.

(2) The power exchange market shall aim at:

1. Creation of conditions for formation and operation of an electricity market in a competitive, transparent and non-discriminatory environment.

2. Preventing exercise of market power.

3. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Determination of reference electricity prices on the basis of demand and supply.

4. Optimal usage of the limited interconnection transmission capacities with the neighbouring countries through coordinated allocation and implicit daily and intraday auctions through the power exchange market.

(3) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Market participants registered in accordance with these trading rules and the rules under art. 32, para. 2, shall be entitled to participate in the power exchange market.

Art. 35. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Transactions on the power exchange market shall be executed for each delivery period in accordance with the operational rules of the power exchange market.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective

15.12.2017).

(3) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(4) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Transactions executed on the power exchange market shall represent firm commitment of the respective trading participant for electricity supply in case of executed sale transaction, or an obligation for acceptance of electricity supply in case of executed purchase transaction, for each market segment administered by the power exchange market operator.

(5) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Any transaction shall be linked to delivery period and delivery interval.

(6) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

(7) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) During the days of transition from summer to winter time or vice versa, the day of delivery shall be increased, respectively reduced, by the delivery periods corresponding to one hour.

(8) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The power exchange market operator shall be entitled to conclude a contract under art.11 item 12 with a registered trading participant (market-maker) who shall acquire the responsibility to ensure liquidity on the power exchange market in accordance with the provisions of the concluded contract.

(9) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) The conditions for liquidity on the power exchange market shall be determined by the power exchange market operator, and the trading participant, in the capacity of market-maker, shall accept the conditions and shall be obliged to comply with them by signing a contract under art.11 item 12.

Art. 35a. (New – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 31.12.2025) (1) The financial risk for the executed transactions on the power exchange market shall be managed by the power exchange market operator through a person providing clearing services.

Section II

Conditions for participation and registration in the power exchange market

Art. 36. (1) (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Trading participants registered by a power exchange market operator for participation in the power exchange market shall be entitled to submit bids for sale and/or bids for purchase of electricity.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) Participants in the power exchange market can be:

1. (amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) trading participants who are entitled to execute transactions at freely negotiated prices, in accordance with the applicable legislation, registered on the free market administered by the independent transmission operator, as well as customers of sites under art. 119, para.2 of the Energy Act;

2. (amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) trading participants registered in neighbouring electricity markets, only where the power exchange market operator - jointly with the independent transmission operator - organises and operates a virtual import-export area on the respective border; in such case, the trading participants can be registered for participation in the power exchange market only in the respective area;

3. (repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017);

4. (repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017);

5. (repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017);

6. (repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(3) (Repealed – SG/39 of 2014).

Art. 37. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The conditions for participation, registration, withdrawal and suspension from the power exchange market, as well as the requirements for submission of bids, determination of the quantities of electricity and determination of the demand and supply curves under art. 32 paragraph 2.

Art. 38. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Section III

(Repealed – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017)

Conditions on power exchange market withdrawal and suspension

Art. 39. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 40. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 41. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 41a. (New – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Section IV
(Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017)
Requirements for submission of bids to the power exchange market
(Title amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015)

Art. 42. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, amended and supplemented, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 43. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and supplemented, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 44. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Section V
(Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017)
Determination of electricity quantities traded on the power exchange market

Art. 45. (Amended and supplemented – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 46. (Repealed – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 47. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Section VI
(Repealed – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017)
Determination of demand and supply curves

Art. 48. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 49. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 50. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Section VII
(Repealed – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015)

Determination of demand and supply volumes

Art. 51. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Section VIII

(Repealed – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Measures in case supply is not sufficient or there is no demand

Art. 52. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Section IX

Confirmation of the transactions executed on the power exchange market

Art. 53. (1) (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The power exchange market operator shall provide to the relevant trading participants access to information for the transactions executed by them on the trading day through the market platforms used on the respective market segments part of the power exchange market.

(2) (New- SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, previous para. 3, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, supplemented, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The results from the trading on the power exchange market shall be used in the settlement process in accordance with chapter ten of these Rules, and the traded quantities by each trading participant on the power exchange market shall be aggregated with the quantities traded under bilateral contracts concluded outside the power exchange market.

(3) (Previous paragraph 3, amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, previous paragraph 4, amended and supplemented, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The power exchange market operator shall publish information on the traded quantities and prices on its internet page.

Section X

Emergency procedures

Art. 54. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The power exchange market operator is entitled to terminate the operation of any market segment forming part of the power exchange market in case of:

1. (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Total or partial failure of the trading system or of other information system used to process the bids and to determine the price in accordance with the operational rules of the power exchange market operator.

2. Cessation of the market in an emergency situation.

Art. 55. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Chapter Five BALANCING RESPONSIBILITY

Section I Balancing group coordinators

Art. 56. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) Formation of balancing groups shall aim at:

1. introduction of new organisation at electricity transactions administration, their actual execution and settlement;

2. improved generating capacity planning and determination of the balancing sources to maintain the power system balance;

3. separation of the obligations under the physical supply of electricity from the financial relations, in case of a deviation of the actual generation/consumption from the preliminary forecasts, registered schedules and dispatch instructions of the independent transmission operator;

4. aggregation of the imbalances of the trade participants and smoothing the economic consequences from the balancing energy prices;

5. focused responsibilities for exchange of information with the independent transmission operator in case of small number of market participants.

(2) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2017) The groups shall be:

1. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) special balancing groups;

2. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

3. standard balancing groups;

4. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);

5. group of the power exchange market operator.

(3) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018.)

(4) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(5) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(6) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(7) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(8) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(9) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(10) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(11) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(12) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(13) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(14) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(15) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(16) (Repealed – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(17) (Effective 1.01.2016 – SG/90 of 2015, suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018)

(18) (Effective 1.01.2016 – SG/90 of 2015, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(19) (Effective 1.01.2016 – SG/90 of 2015, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

Art. 56a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) (1) (Amended – SG/ 52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The special balancing groups shall be the groups with coordinators: the independent transmission operator, end suppliers, distribution system operators, the distribution company of traction energy and the suppliers of last resort.

(2) The independent transmission operator may be the coordinator of a special balancing group with the following subgroups:

1. group for compensation of technological losses in the electricity transmission network;

2. group for compensation of the unplanned exchanges;

3. emergency supply group.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(4) (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(5) End suppliers shall be coordinators of the following special balancing groups:

1. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) group of household end consumers connected to the electricity distribution network at low voltage level, which the end supplier supplies with electricity;

2. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) group of generators of electricity from renewable sources with sites with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW, whose energy is purchased by the end supplier.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In cases where producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW have reached the amount of their assigned net specific production and have not transferred the responsibility for balancing to a coordinator of a standard balancing group or in case the contracts with a coordinator of a balancing

group under art. 11, item 9 have been terminated, they are in balancing groups with coordinators the end suppliers.

(7) Suppliers of last resort are coordinators of special balancing groups with members who are end customers who supply electricity.

(8) The electricity distribution operator may be the coordinator of a special balancing group to compensate for technological costs in the electricity distribution network.

(9) The distribution company of traction energy may be the coordinator of a special balancing group, including members - users of the distribution network of the railway transport.

(10) (Repealed – SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.06.2020).

(11) The coordinators of para. 2, 8 and 9 can be combined into a special balancing group through a common financial settlement.

(12) The coordinators of para. 5, item 1 can be combined into a special balancing group through a common financial settlement.

Art. 56b. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended and suppl., SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 56c. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Standard balancing group is a group of trading participants with a coordinator registered by an independent transmission operator meeting the requirements of the Energy Act and to which common balancing principles apply.

(2) Producers of electrical energy from highly efficient combined generation of heating and electric power shall transfer the balancing responsibility to a standard balancing group coordinator.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) When electricity producers from highly efficiently combined production of heat and electricity with sites of a total electrical installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW participate in the standard balancing group, they must be distinguished into a separate subgroup and the participants are direct members of this subgroup.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) When a combined balancing group includes RES producers with sites of a total electrical installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW, they must be distinguished in:

1. A subgroup of electricity producers from renewable sources with sites of a total installed capacity of 4 MW and over 4 MW, with participants in this subgroup being direct members;
2. (Amended - SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) a subgroup of electricity producers from renewable sources with sites of a total installed capacity of 500 kW to 4 MW, with participants in this subgroup being indirect members.

(5) (New – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) When the standard balancing group includes

electricity producers from renewable sources with sites with a total installed power of less than 500 kW, which have reached the size of their specified net specific production, they are indirect members of the subgroup under para. 4, item 2.

(6) (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, previous para. 5, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator, the electricity distribution network operators, the closed electricity distribution network operators and the traction electricity distribution company may transfer the responsibility for balancing of the sites for compensating technological costs in the electricity networks to a coordinator of a standard balancing group, and they must be direct members of the group.

Art. 56d. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In the cases under art. 56a, paras. 11 and 12, when there is a combination of balancing groups through a common financial settlement, the coordinators are obliged to notify separate aggregated schedules for each group, allowing the independent transmission operator to carry out a separate settlement and determine the realized imbalances of the respective group.

Art. 56e. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) (1) Producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites of a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW, members of a special balancing group, who have reached the volume of net specific production, may sell the electricity they produce at freely negotiated prices only after changing their affiliation from a special to a standard balancing group.

(2) The coordinator of a special balancing group shall immediately notify in writing a producer who has reached the volume of net specific production. The notification shall necessarily contain information on the consequences for the producer arising from art. 31, para. 5, item 2 of the Renewable Energy Act in the absence of a selected coordinator of a standard balancing group, as well as information that the selection of such a coordinator may be made immediately from the date of the notification.

(3) The coordinator of a standard balancing group selected by the producer under para. 1 shall submit an application to the relevant network operator for registration of the producer in its balancing group, and shall declare that he has concluded a contract with the producer under art. 11, item 4 and/or under art. 11, item 9, and/or under art. 11, item 17.

(4) In case the requirements under paragraph 3 are met, the relevant network operator shall register the producer in the standard balancing group of the selected coordinator no later than three working days from the receipt of the application under paragraph 3.

(5) In the cases under para. 1, annually from January 1 of the new calendar year until the expiration of the mandatory purchase period under the procedure of art. 31, para. 2 of the Renewable Energy Sources Act, the relevant producer shall be registered ex officio by the electricity network operator in the special balancing group of the relevant end supplier.

Art. 56f. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, emended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Participants in the balancing groups under art. 56a, para. 5, item 2 are not entitled to participate in the “intraday” exchange market.

Art. 57. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014) (1) Balancing responsibility shall be borne by:

1. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) balancing group coordinators in accordance with the Energy Act;

2. Market participants who execute transactions at freely negotiated prices, for the time during which they haven't transferred their balancing responsibility to a balancing group coordinator and they solely are responsible for the imbalances of their sites.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018).

(3) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Special balancing group coordinators, except cases under art. 56a, paragraph 2, 8, 9, 11 and 12, and art. 56c, para. 6, shall not be entitled to transfer the balancing responsibility to another balancing group coordinator and shall be responsible before the independent transmission operator for the imbalances of each special balancing group separately.

(4) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(5) (New – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Standard balancing group coordinators are not allowed to transfer balancing responsibility to another balancing group coordinator.

Art. 58. (1) (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Trading participants shall be entitled to register themselves as “standard balancing group coordinators”, providing they have fulfilled the following conditions:

1. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) they hold license for generation and/or electricity trading under art. 39 paragraph 1, items 1 and 5 of the Energy Act;

2. they have developed “common rules for imbalances allocation within the balancing group” of which they are registered as a coordinator, and have published them on their internet page;

3. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) EWRC has adopted decision to supplement the current license with the rights and obligations related to the activity “standard balancing group coordinator” and/or “combined balancing group coordinator”, in accordance with art. 39 paragraph 5 of the Energy Act;

4. the requirements are met and communication equipment and tools for exchange of information are maintained according to these rules;

5. (new – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) they have met the requirements for data exchange and have conducted successful tests according to the instructions under art. 88, para. 3;

6. (amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous item 5, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) they have no liabilities to the Electricity System Security Fund, end suppliers, the independent transmission operator, distribution system operators, closed distribution system operators, the traction electric energy distribution company and the operator of the electricity exchange market;

7. (previous item 6 – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(2) Trading participants shall be entitled to register themselves as “special balancing group coordinators”, providing they have fulfilled the following conditions:

1. (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) they hold licence for transmission, distribution, supply from end supplier, supply from last resort and distribution of traction power according to art. 39 paragraph 1 items 2, 3, 8, 10, 12 and 13 of the Energy Act;

2. they have developed “common rules for imbalances allocation within the special balancing group” and have published them on their internet page;

3. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) EWRC has adopted decision to supplement the existing license with the rights and obligations related to the activity “special balancing group coordinator”, in accordance with art. 39 paragraph 5 of the Energy Act;

4. the requirements are met and communication equipment and tools for exchange of information is maintained according to these rules;

5. (new – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) they have fulfilled the requirements for data exchange and have conducted successful tests according to the instructions under art. 88, para. 3;

6. (suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous item 5, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) they have no overdue obligations to electricity network operators.

(3) (New- SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Trading participants shall be entitled to register themselves as “electricity traders without physical sites”, if they have met the following conditions:

1. they hold a license in electricity trading;

2. the requirements are met and communication equipment and tools for exchange of

information are maintained according to these rules;

3. (suppl.- SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) they have no overdue obligations to electricity network operators.

Art. 59. (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Trading participants who have met the requirements under art. 58 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall submit an application for initial registration with appendices according to template approved by the independent transmission operator and published on its internet page.

Art. 60. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) (1) The independent transmission operator shall consider the application within 15 days and shall send answer by:

1. accepting the application for registration and indicating the identification number/EIC code of the balancing group coordinator/the electricity trader without physical sites;

2. giving instructions for additional information and deadline for submission;

3. reasoned refusing to register the applicant as a coordinator of balancing group/electricity trader without physical sites.

(2) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Within 30 days as of receipt of the notification for acceptance of the application for registration under paragraph 1 item 1:

1. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) the applicant under art. 58 paragraph 1 shall conclude the contract under art. 11 item 8 in which the amount of the initial guarantee security shall be indicated, and the suppliers of balancing energy in the balancing group shall conclude the contract under art. 11 item 7;

2. the applicant under art. 58 paragraph 2 shall conclude the contract under art. 11 item 8 in which the amount of the initial guarantee security shall be indicated. The applicant shall provide statement for the conclusion of the contracts under art. 11 points 1, 2 and 3 or statement for concluded contract under art. 11 item 10;

3. the applicant under art. 58 paragraph 3 shall conclude the contract under art. 11 item 8a in which the amount of the initial guarantee security shall be indicated.

(3) (amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Where the contracts under paragraph 2 are not concluded within the term and the guarantee security is not provided as specified in the same provision, the independent transmission operator has the right to terminate the procedure.

(4) At conclusion of the contracts under paragraph 2, the balancing group coordinator/electricity trader without physical sites shall be entered in the register under art. 65 with status “registered”.

(5) After providing the security guarantee in the amount under paragraph 2, the balancing

group coordinator/electricity trader without physical sites shall be entered in the register under art. 65 with status “active”.

(6) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The coordinators of standard balancing groups submit to the independent transmission operator a sample application for registration of a subgroup with producers with sites under art. 162a of the Energy Act and/or a subgroup of producers with sites with a total installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW under the Renewable Energy Act.

Art. 61. (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, issue 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 62. (1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Each site for consumption, production or storage of electrical energy, including when these sites have non-independent facilities/installations for production and/or consumption and/or storage of electrical energy built/installed, which are not separated in terms of electrical energy metering, may be assigned to only one balancing group coordinator.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) All aggregator sites of a group of sites are part of a single balancing group. The aggregator of a group of sites transfers the responsibility for balancing all sites in the group to a single balancing group coordinator, which may be different from the aggregator.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case the trading participant did not transfer the responsibility for balancing to a balancing group coordinator, the independent transmission operator shall consider that the trading participant is responsible for the imbalances of his sites as a balancing group coordinator.

(4) In cases under paragraph 3, the trading participant shall conclude the contracts under art. 11 items 1, 2, 3 and 8 of these rules as a balancing group coordinator with the same rights and responsibilities.

(5) In case the contracts under paragraph 4 are not concluded, the trading participant shall not be entitled to execute transactions on the electricity market.

(6) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, repealed, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021).

Art. 63. (1) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) End suppliers and suppliers of last resort shall ex-officio take the balancing responsibility for the end consumers which they supply, in accordance with the approved by EWRC general conditions.

(2) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 64. (1) (Suppl. – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall be responsible for the imbalances from transactions with balancing energy for compensation of the technological losses in the transmission network and the unplanned exchanges.

(2) The independent transmission operator, except cases under paragraph 1, shall not be responsible for the imbalances of:

1. another coordinator of balancing group;

2. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) sites of users connected to the electricity transmission and/or distribution network and/or closed distribution network.

Art. 65. (1) (Previous text of art. 65 – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator shall keep public register of the coordinators of balancing groups. The register shall contain at least the following information: name and headquarters of the coordinator, type of the balancing group, identification number/EIC code, date of registration, number of the balancing contract with the independent transmission operator, and status.

(2) (New- SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator shall keep register of the trading participants under art. 1, para. 2 that are registered as direct members, and electricity traders not included in the registers of the balancing group coordinators.

(3) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The independent transmission operator maintains a public register of subgroups in a standard balancing group with producer participants under art. 100, para. 6 of the Energy Act.

Section II

Withdrawal or exclusion of a balancing group coordinator registered under the provision of art. 58 paragraph 1

Art. 66. (1) (Suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) A coordinator of standard balancing group shall be entitled to send notification of withdrawal of the registration for a coordinator of standard balancing group.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The notification shall be sent to the independent transmission operator and to all balancing group members as well as distribution system operators and operators of closed distribution system operators.

(3) The date of withdrawal shall be stated in the notification of withdrawal, this date being not earlier than 40 days after sending the notification of withdrawal.

(4) The independent transmission operator shall issue daily and summarised settlement excerpts, including on the day preceding the day of withdrawal, and the parties shall issue the relevant invoices and shall pay within the deadlines indicated in art. 178 of the rules.

(5) The date of withdrawal of a balancing group coordinator shall be the first day of the calendar month after the expiration of the term under paragraph 3.

(6) The independent transmission operator shall release the guarantee security after the settlement of all financial relations related to the termination of the registration of the „balancing group coordinator” within 7 days.

(7) (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, new, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall notify the network operators of the withdrawal of the balancing group coordinator not later than 7 working days before the date of withdrawal under paragraph 5.

Art. 67. (1) (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014) A coordinator of balancing group who has applied for withdrawal in accordance with art. 66 paragraph 1 and its members shall be entitled to transfer the balancing responsibility to a balancing group coordinator according to the register under art. 65. For the purpose they shall send to the independent transmission operator an “application for transfer of balancing responsibility” according approved template. The application shall contain:

1. name of the coordinator who shall acquire the balancing responsibility;
2. statement of consent by the coordinator under item 1;
3. description of the sites and the relevant code numbers of the entity who transfers the balancing responsibility.

(2) (Amended and suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall verify the data stated in the application and shall answer in writing within 15 days to the applicant, the new balancing group coordinator and the operator of the network to which the sites are connected.

(3) The date as of which the transfer of balancing responsibility shall be in force, the same being the first day of a calendar month, shall be indicated in the answer under paragraph 2.

(4) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to request amendment of the concluded contracts under art. 11 item 8 with the new balancing group coordinator.

(5) The independent transmission operator shall reflect the changes in the register under art. 65.

(6) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator, the distribution system operators and the closed distribution system operators shall exchange information within two working days before the

expiry of the calendar month in regard to the range of the balancing groups and the relevant coordinators as of the next calendar month.

(7) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Within three working days before the expiry of the calendar month, the balancing group coordinators shall send to the independent transmission operator a list of the sites of the trading participants that are part of their balancing group as of the following month.

Art. 68. (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to exclude a balancing group coordinator or trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 from the electricity market by three days prior written notice to the respective distribution system operator, closed distribution system operator, supplier of last resort, the balancing group coordinator and the coordinator with common financial settlement in any of the following cases:

1. the balancing group coordinator or the trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 does not fulfil his obligations according to these rules and/or does not meet the requirements for registration as a balancing group coordinator;

2. the balancing group coordinator or the trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 breaches the conditions of the balancing contract, including default payment within the specified deadline or in case the guarantee security is not recovered or is not provided within the deadlines under the contract;

3. the balancing group coordinator or the trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 has outstanding financial liabilities under the contracts for access and transmission and/or unpaid/not recovered/not updated guarantee securities;

4. the balancing group coordinator or the trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 has imbalances in his balancing group exceeding the amount of the provided security under chapter ten, after an explicit warning by the independent transmission operator;

5. the balancing group coordinator is in bankrupt or in process of liquidation;

6. schedules are not submitted within the deadlines specified in the rules.

(2) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall exclude electricity traders and generators from the electricity market with a three-day notice to the relevant distribution system operator, closed distribution system operator, supplier of last resort and balancing group coordinator at the request of the Electricity System Security Fund pursuant to Art. 36g of the Energy Act. The independent transmission operator may refuse to exclude a producer from the electricity market if the exclusion leads or may lead to a disruption of the security of supply.

(3) The coordinator of balancing group or the trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3

shall be obliged to settle all their financial liabilities with the independent transmission operator till the date of exclusion from the electricity market.

(4) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The members of a balancing group with a coordinator who is excluded from the electricity market, and the same being their electricity supplier, shall be assigned to the balancing group of the supplier of last resort as of the date of exclusion. These members shall be entitled to transfer the balancing responsibility to another coordinator, as of the next calendar month.

(5) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/73 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The members of a balancing group with a coordinator excluded from the electricity market who is not their electricity supplier, including electricity producers, shall select another balancing group coordinator within 2 working days from the date of the exclusion. The selected coordinator shall immediately submit a request to the relevant network operator for registration of the participant in its balancing group, and the network operator shall register the inclusion in the new balancing group as of the date of exclusion of the previous coordinator. In the event that a coordinator is not selected within the specified period, art. 62, para. 3, 4 and 5 shall apply.

(6) The independent transmission operator shall reflect the exclusion of a coordinator of balancing group or a trading participant under art. 62 paragraph 3 in the register under art. 65 on the day of exclusion.

(7) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In cases under paragraphs 1 and 2, the independent transmission operator shall inform EWRC of the exclusion of the trading participant from the market.

(8) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The notification under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be also sent to the members of the balancing group. The independent transmission operator shall notify the direct members in the balancing group, and the distribution system operators and the closed distribution system operators - the indirect members of the group.

(9) (New – SG/73 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) In the cases under para. 5, the notice of exclusion of a coordinator to the members of the balancing group shall necessarily contain information on the need to select a new coordinator, the deadline within which this selection should be made, as well as the consequences for the member of the balancing group in the absence of a selected coordinator.

Section III

Participation of producers of electricity from renewable sources and from highly efficient combined generation in the balancing market

Art. 69. (Amended and suppl. – SG/ 39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) (Suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective

5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The end suppliers shall pay to the RES producers with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW, the quantities of electricity generated by them, according to the readings from the commercial metering devices and at price according to the conditions of art. 31 paragraph 5 of RESA.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) RES producers may use the quantities of electricity exceeding the quantities under art. 31 paragraph 5 item 1 of RESA to supply their branches, enterprises and sites or to sell them at freely negotiated prices.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The end suppliers shall pay to the producers of electricity from highly efficient combined generation of heating and electric power the quantities of electricity, less than 500 kW, generated by them according to registered schedule in the market management system and at price according to the conditions of art. 162 EA.

(4) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Producers of electricity from renewable sources with a total installed electrical capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW and producers of electricity from highly efficient combined heat and power generation with a total installed electrical capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW sell the quantities of electricity produced by them according to a registered schedule on an organized exchange market through physical delivery after concluding a contract with the Electricity System Security Fund.

(5) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Paragraph 4 does not apply to transactions with electricity that are concluded under the terms and conditions of article 119, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Energy Act, as well as to transactions concluded by producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites put into operation after January 1, 2019.

(6) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Producers under paragraph 4 may sell all or part of their produced electricity through a balancing group coordinator. In this case, the coordinator must sell the electricity purchased by them through a separate registration on an organized exchange market.

Art. 69a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.11.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In the cases under art. 69, para. 6, a balancing group coordinator may not sell more than 30 percent of the total electricity produced, delivered to the electricity networks for the previous calendar year by producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites with a total installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW. By January 20 of each year, the independent transmission operator publishes on its website a report on the quantities of electricity produced by producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites with a total installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW for the previous year.

Art. 69b. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) In the cases under art. 69, para. 6, when producers under art. 69, para. 4 sell all or part of the electricity produced by them through a

balancing group coordinator, the coordinator shall not be entitled to close open positions on commercial transactions in the group through the electricity produced by the members of the subgroups under art. 56c, paras. 3 and 4. The netted surplus of each of the subgroups under art. 56c, paras. 3 and 4 of the standard balancing group may not exceed 10 percent of the net measured position of the respective subgroup in more than 30 percent of the settlement periods in the respective calendar month.

Art. 70. (Amended and suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 1.01.2016) (1) (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) RES producers who have chosen to transfer their balancing responsibility to a coordinator of standard balancing group, should be granted access to the respective network and to be registered on the market through submission of an application to the relevant network operator according the conditions and the procedure of chapter eight and to conclude a contract under art. 11 item 9.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The end suppliers, in their capacity of coordinators of special balancing groups for RES producers with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW shall conclude a contract under art. 11 item 9 with all members of the balancing group.

(3) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The producers under paragraph 2 who have not concluded a contract under art. 11 item 9 shall be balanced by the relevant coordinator of special balancing group, in accordance with the applied methodology for imbalances allocation to the members in the special balancing group and the general principles for imbalances allocation.

(4) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) RES producers having sites with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW who sell the generated electricity at preferential prices and according to the readings from the commercial metering devices shall not be entitled to participate in standard balancing groups. RES producers having sites with a total installed electric capacity of less than 500 kW shall be entitled to participate in standard balancing group only when they sell the generated electricity according to art.31 paragraph 12 RESA.

(5) (Amended –SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) RES producers having sites with a total installed electric capacity of less than 500 kW shall not be entitled to sell electricity under the conditions of art. 31 paragraph 12 RESA when they are members of special balancing group.

Art. 71. (Amended and suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) In respect to the participation of RES producers in the balancing market, the submission and the approval of schedules shall be pursuant to the provisions of chapter six.

(2) (Amended and suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(3) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 34.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(4) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The standard balancing group coordinator shall submit the exchange schedules for electricity for sites having total installed capacity less than 500 kW, generated from highly efficient combined generation to the end suppliers as well in their capacity of special balancing groups coordinators.

(5) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The producers of electricity from highly efficient combined generation having sites with total installed electricity capacity shall send schedules for each settlement period to the relevant end supplier and to participants in the free market within the terms according to chapter six. Balancing shall be performed according to the aggregated schedules and the metered quantities of electricity, and the imbalances shall be delegated to the standard balancing group coordinator.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The schedule to the public provider shall be in consistency with the hourly thermal load pursuant to the provisions of art. 84 paragraph 6 item 1 of EA and pursuant to the provisions of art. 84 paragraph 7 of EA.

Art. 72. (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Art. 73. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 1.10.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 73a. (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

Art. 74. (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Art. 75. (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Art. 76. (Repealed – SG/39 of 2014).

Chapter Six

RULES ON SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF GENERATION SCHEDULES, CONSUMPTION SCHEDULES AND EXCHANGE SCHEDULES

Section I

Generation schedules and consumption schedules

Art. 77. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, suppl. – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018)

(1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Generation schedules containing information on the total generation shall be sent to the independent transmission operator by all producers and electricity storage facility operators connected to the electricity transmission network or by their coordinator, according approved template (PPS file), the access to the system being indicated, within the deadlines specified in an instruction and data exchange schedule published by the independent transmission operator on its internet page.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Aggregated generation schedules of the plants connected to the relevant distribution network, by type of generation capacity, shall be sent by the coordinators of balancing groups and closed electricity distribution systems to the independent transmission operator, according approved template (PPS file), the access to the system being indicated, within the deadlines specified in an instruction and data exchange schedule published by the independent transmission operator on its internet page.

(3) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Generation schedules shall be sent to the coordinators of balancing groups by all producers and electricity storage facility operators connected to the electricity distribution network or closed electricity distribution network on the day preceding the day of delivery, and within the day of delivery in a form approved by the coordinator of the balancing group.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Generation schedules shall be sent by the coordinators of balancing groups for all producers and electricity storage facility coordinators connected to the electricity distribution network or closed electricity distribution network on the day preceding the day of delivery, and within the day of delivery to the respective electricity distribution system operator or closed electricity distribution system operator in a form approved by them.

(5) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The balancing service providers shall send to the independent transmission operator schedules for the planned gross production of each dispatched block, in accordance with the concluded supply contracts, for coverage of the technological losses in the networks, according approved template (PPS file) and access to the system being indicated, within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on its internet page and in accordance with the procedures provided for in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act and these rules.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The balancing service providers shall send to the independent transmission operator net generation schedules of each dispatchable block and/or consuming sites and/or electricity storage facilities and/or aggregated facilities/sites, in accordance

with approved template (TPS file) and the access to the system being indicated, taking into account the concluded contracts for electricity supply, within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on its internet page and according the procedures provided for in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act and these rules. The aggregator of a group of sites sends to the independent transmission operator schedules for planned gross production (PPS files), for all production sites in the group, within the deadlines according to the schedule for the implementation of activities and exchange of information in the market administration systems for a market segment Day Ahead and Intraday.

(7) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The sum of the trade schedules of the balancing service providers under paragraph 6 from all market segments must be equal to the sum of all trade schedules (TPS files) for the individual dispatched blocks and/or consuming sites and/or electricity storage facilities and/or aggregated facilities/sites.

(8) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) In case of a discrepancy in the trade schedules under paragraph 7, the balancing service provider will not be recognized as participating in regulation and the provider will be considered to be in a trade imbalance, which is regulated by the prices for shortage and surplus on the balancing market.

(9) The production schedules under paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 shall serve for dispatching the relevant aggregates.

(10) (Amended and suppl., SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The generation schedules of the balancing service providers under paragraph 4 (total) and paragraph 5 (net) should be comparable, taking into account the forecast own needs, and in compliance with the conditions of the contracts concluded under art. 11 item 7 of these rules and the availability provided for regulation as a result of the auction procedure. The operator shall be entitled to request amendment of the schedule or to impose limitation of the deadlines in accordance with an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on its internet page, in case the schedules are not in consistency with the planned operational modes and the determined availability for regulation.

(11) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall send till the 10th day of the preceding month, to the producers and/or consuming sites and/or electricity storage facilities and/or aggregated facilities/sites under paragraphs 5 and 6 the required minimum ranges (for producers, gross availability) that they must offer in the following calendar month in the auction procedures for availability for frequency containment, frequency restoration with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities. The producer shall not be entitled to execute transactions in the electricity market for these ranges until the completion of the relevant auction procedure, as well as in the event that a given bid has been sorted. When a given bid has not been sorted partially or in full, the balancing service provider may conclude a transaction on the electricity market for it or participate in an auction procedure for the availability of another type of reserve.

(12) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022,

suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The consumption schedules of balancing energy providers with consumption sites and electricity storage facilities shall contain information on the planned consumption according to the concluded contracts, the procedures provided for in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act and these rules and shall be sent in an approved template (TPS file), the access to the system being indicated, within the deadlines specified in paragraph 6.

(13) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The coordinators of balancing groups and the trading participants under art. 62 paragraph 3 shall send total net production forecast and total consumption forecast for each settlement period of the balancing group, according an approved template (TPS file), the access to the system being indicated, within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on the internet page.

(14) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The generation schedules and the consumption schedules shall be sent on the day preceding the day of delivery and on the day of delivery and shall contain information on the quantities of electricity for each delivery period which the relevant producer (block of producer) or site of a consumer shall supply to/consume from the network.

(15) (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator, based on the generation and consumption schedules and own forecasts, shall determine the required reserve for the next day, required:

1. for real-time maintenance of the balance between generation and consumption;
2. to ensure secure and reliable electricity supply;
3. to maintain reserve capacity in cases of emergency situations in the network, the generation capacities and changes in the climate conditions;
4. for congestion management.

Art. 78. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Section II

Electricity exchange schedules

Art. 79. (1) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The electricity exchange schedules between two balancing groups within the electric power system of Bulgaria shall be sent to the independent transmission operator within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on the internet page, according approved template (TPS file) and the access to the system being acquired, and they shall contain information on the quantity of electricity for each period in the day of delivery which the relevant balancing group will

exchange with other balancing groups.

(2) The exchange schedules between balancing group registered within the electric power system of Bulgaria and a legal entity entitled to exercise commercial activity in a neighbouring market area (cross-border exchange schedule) shall be sent to the independent transmission operator according approved template (TPS file) and access to the system being acquired.

(3) (Supp. – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The deadline for submission of schedules for cross-border exchange, in accordance with the acquired transmission capacities from yearly and monthly auctions (long-term nominations) and daily auctions and intraday (short-term nominations) shall be according the Auction rules for the relevant control areas published by the independent transmission operator and the requirements of OH-Policy2 for the Continental European synchronous area.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The independent transmission operator shall verify whether the exchange schedules can be executed from the point of view of: forecast operational modes and technical capabilities of the aggregates, acquired interconnection capacity, comparability of the schedules of all coordinators of balancing groups, preliminary balance and correspondence between generation schedules, consumption schedules and exchange schedules of each balancing group, capacity curtailments, requirements for reservation of range for regulation and presence of circumstances which can breach the safety or the quality and security of the electric power system according to the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act and these rules.

(5) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Coordinators of balancing groups and balancing service providers shall send corrected generation and consumption schedules and exchange schedules between two balancing groups within the electric power system of Bulgaria in accordance with the requirements of the independent transmission operator and within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on the internet page.

(6) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to amend the instruction in respect to the process of acceptance, validation and registration of generation schedules, consumption schedules and exchange schedules, if necessary, by publishing the amendment not later than 2 weeks before the date of enforcement of the amendment.

(7) Balancing group coordinators shall be entitled to send generation schedules, consumption schedules and exchange schedules up to seven days in advance.

(8) The highly efficient combined generation plants, which are technologically connected with sites consuming the generated heating power, shall provide electricity to the market at freely negotiated prices after meeting the consumption needs of the technologically connected site.

Art. 80. (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Notification of the executed transactions on the power exchange market shall be in accordance with the provisions of art. 33.

Art. 81. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall confirm the generation and consumption schedules of the balancing service providers

under art. 77 paragraphs 4, 5 and 9 within the deadlines specified in an instruction published by the independent transmission operator on the internet page.

(2) Balancing group coordinators shall receive information on the registered schedules from the trading system of the operator within the deadlines according the instruction.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall confirm exchange schedules under art. 79 to the coordinators of balancing groups within the deadlines according an instruction.

(4) In case of discrepancy in the quantities stated by coordinators of balancing groups within the electric power system of Bulgaria, the lower value shall be valid.

(5) In case of discrepancy in the quantities stated by coordinators of balancing groups in cross-border exchange schedules, the bilateral agreements between the independent transmission operator and the respective neighbouring operator shall apply (i.e. valid lower value or reduction to zero value).

(6) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(7) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The confirmed by the independent transmission operator exchange schedules, generation and consumption schedules, including the traded quantities on the power exchange market, shall present the basis to determine the imbalances of the coordinators of balancing groups, the electricity provided to/purchased on/from the electricity balancing market and the financial liabilities of the parties.

(8) The generation schedules, consumption schedules and exchange schedules of a balancing group should be balanced, and the notified purchases from other balancing groups and scheduled generation in the group shall be equal to the notified sales to other balancing groups and forecast consumption.

(9) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to request from the coordinators of balancing groups to correct the schedules in case the requirements under paragraph 8 are breached. In case measures to correct the schedules are not undertaken, the independent transmission operator shall be entitled not to register the schedules of the balancing group coordinators.

(10) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to request change in schedule of producer in D-1 and intraday in case the submitted schedule does not correspond to the operating information and forecast of the operator.

(11) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled, on the day of delivery, to permit reduction and/or termination of a block of a producer due to unsecured primary resource, as well as commissioning of an aggregate in case of non-admission of energy unprocessed primary energy resource. In such cases, deviations from the registered schedules shall represent an imbalance.

(12) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator, taking into account the current state of the primary resource in the day of delivery, shall be entitled to re-dispatch by technology type the operation of the separate sites of a producer, within the total schedule within one balancing group, in order to optimise the operation mode. The difference between the total commercial schedule of the respective producer and the total generation as a result of the re-dispatching shall represent regulating power.

(13) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled on the day of delivery to accept replacement of a thermal power plant unit with another unit and the deviations from the total generation and the registered schedule shall represent an imbalance of the trading participant.

Art. 82. (1) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall introduce procedure for notification, validation and registration of generation schedules, consumption schedules and exchange schedules within the day of delivery.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The number of the sessions Intraday shall be set by the independent transmission operator, and their number should be in compliance with the methodologies and the rules developed pursuant to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management in the day-ahead and intraday market coupling.

(3) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The independent transmission operator shall develop a separate instruction specifying the number of the sessions, the requirements for intraday schedules nomination and validation, and shall publish it on its internet page.

(4) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Notification of executed intraday transactions shall be only made by the power exchange market operator who shall be always a party to such kind of transactions, and the notification shall be with exchange schedules under the conditions of paragraph 1.

Art. 83. (1) In case of a local emergency situation and/or force majeure, the coordinators of balancing groups shall undertake the required measures to match the exchange schedules for the next unclosed period of delivery taking into account the changed circumstances.

(2) The independent transmission operator shall not terminate nor amend exchange schedules between the coordinators of balancing groups in cases under paragraph 1 after their registration.

(3) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In the cases under paragraph 1, trading participants are subject to balancing.

Art. 84. (1) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to terminate and/or curtail exchange schedules of the coordinators of balancing groups in the following cases:

1. failure of the market management system;

2. occurrence or for prevention of emergency situations in electricity generation and transmission equipment;

3. network congestion;

4. long-term deficit of energy resources;

5. regulatory measures by competent authorities;

6. inability to maintain the balance of the electric power system and after all other measures in accordance with the requirements of ENTSO-E were undertaken;

7. in cases referred to in art. 73 of the Energy Act and other cases of force majeure.

(2) In cases under paragraph 1, the independent transmission operator shall comply with the deadlines for notification according to the legislation.

(3) (Amended and suppl. – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In the cases of para. 1 and in case it is impossible to establish a specific amount of the price for active electricity in transactions with electricity, the same shall be concluded at a price for active electricity equal to the estimated annual market price for base load calculated for the purposes of pricing in the relevant decision on prices of EWRC.

(4) (New – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In the cases under paragraph 1 and in the event of impossibility to identify the parties of the electricity transactions, it shall be deemed that:

1. the producers have sold the produced electricity on an organized exchange market at the price under paragraph 3;

2. electricity traders, suppliers of last resort and end customers have purchased electricity from an organized exchange market at the price under paragraph 3.

(5) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, previous para. 4, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The relationships under paragraph 4 shall be governed by the readings of the commercial metering devices.

(6) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(7) (Previous paragraph 6, amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(8) (Previous paragraph 7 – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Trading participants shall not be subject to balancing for the period under paragraph 1.

Chapter seven

METERING. DATA PROVISION

Section I

Objectives

Art. 85. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Aggregation and provision of data for the metered quantities of electricity shall be used for the purposes of the settlement processes of the quantities traded on the electricity market through bilateral contracts or on the power exchange market, the balancing energy market, the bilateral exchanges with neighbouring control areas/blocks, imbalance settlement, ancillary services, payments for access and transmission and all other services according these rules.

(2) This chapter shall regulate the procedures for:

1. aggregation of metered values;
2. submission of aggregated metered values;

3. (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) provision of generation and consumption data.

(3) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The settlement process on the electricity market shall be based on a settlement period and all aggregated and submitted values of the load profile shall refer to the same time interval.

(4) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) These rules shall regulate the usage of data from the commercial metering devices, ownership of the transmission system operator or the relevant distribution system operator or the relevant closed distribution system operator, information systems and mechanisms in the settlement process on the electricity market. These procedures shall not be applicable to data from metering devices and systems that are of operational purpose or are not ownership of the relevant network operator.

Section II

Requirements on electricity metering, processing, storage and provision of metering data

(Title amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective from 5.05.2020)

Art. 86. (1) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Electricity metering devices for periodical metering of the electricity for each settlement period shall be installed at all metering points of sites specified in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act.

(2) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) For sites that are not covered by paragraph 1, standardised load profiles may be applied, developed by the distribution system operators and submitted to the independent transmission operator.

(3) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator and the distribution system operators shall agree instruction on the operation and application of standardised load profiles by the distribution system operators for the sites under paragraph 2, published on the internet page of the independent transmission operator.

Art. 87. (1) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The owners of metering systems shall store and submit aggregated and metered values by settlement periods from the electricity metering devices under art. 86 paragraph 1 of the quantities of active power supplied/consumed to/from the sites of trading participants for each settlement period.

(2) Each virtual electricity metering device shall have alphanumeric identification code. These codes shall be set by the independent transmission operator at registration of the trading participant and shall be provided to the relevant owners of metering systems together with a list of the metering points for each identification code.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) At registration of a trading participant on the electricity market, the sites indicated by the trading participant should include all metering points of these sites, including the points representing back-up supply to these sites (regardless of voltage level). Registration of a trading participant's site on the electricity market with incomplete list of the metering points for the relevant site shall not be allowed.

Section III

Metering, certification and submission of metered quantities

Art. 88. (1) (Previous text of art. 88 – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The metered value shall represent the quantity of electricity which is metered and registered by an electricity metering device for metering by settlement periods, or through standardized load profile, integrated for the settlement period.

(2) (New- SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, suppl., SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The exchange of data on the quantities of electricity, as well as other commercial and technical data between network operators and between network operators and all trading participants on the market is carried out through a single electronic data exchange format.

(3) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator and the electricity distribution system operators shall develop an instruction specifying the requirements of the single electronic format for data exchange, which shall be mandatory for the trading participants participating in the data exchange. The instruction together with the implementation stages shall

be published on the website of the independent transmission operator.

Art. 89. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Each owner of metering system shall be responsible for the reading of all metered values according to the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act and these rules.

(2) (Amended and suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In cases under art. 86 paragraph 1, the owners of the metering systems shall validate, process and store the data in data bases with metered values. Aggregated data for each settlement period shall be submitted to the independent transmission operator until 05.00 p.m. on the second working day of the week for the days from Monday to Sunday, inclusive, of the preceding calendar week.

(3) In cases under art. 86 paragraph 2, the coordinators of balancing groups shall submit to the independent transmission operator until 12:00 a.m. on the second working day of each month, for the period of the relevant month, aggregated number of sites of trading participants under art. 86 paragraph 2, ordered by type of load profile and ownership of the electricity network in which the above-mentioned sites are located.

(4) At the end of each month, the owners of the metering systems shall validate, process and store the data in data bases with metered values. Aggregated data shall be submitted to the independent transmission operator until 12:00 a.m. on the second working day, but not later than the third calendar day, for the days from the preceding month for which there is no data.

(5) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In case of missing data for each settlement period from the individual metering systems, in order to meet the deadlines for submission of information to the independent transmission operator, the owner of the metering systems may use replacing values, according to the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act, calculated on the basis of preceding settlement periods or otherwise as specified in the contract for access to the transmission/ distribution / closed distribution network of the trading participant. In case of missing replacing values from the owner of the metering systems, the independent transmission operator shall apply ex-officio value 0 (zero) for the respective missing data.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case of missing data under paragraph 5 or in case of wrong data, the owner of the metering system shall assess, correct or replace the missing or wrong information in regard to the metered values according to the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act, and shall submit the information to the independent transmission operator until 12.00 a.m. on the third working day, but no later than the fifth calendar day after the end of the month.

(7) Coordinators of balancing groups shall receive the metered values by sites for each direct or indirect member of the balancing group from the owners of the metering systems within the deadlines for data submission to the independent transmission operator specified in paragraphs 2 and 4.

(8) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Metered values received under paragraph 7 can be appealed through the coordinators of balancing groups before the owners of the

metering systems within two working days as of data receipt. The owner of the metering devices shall inspect and shall confirm or correct the metered values. Values, which are not appealed within this deadline, shall be considered confirmed for the relevant party.

(9) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) All metered values, including values that were subject to change according paragraph 8, shall be considered by the independent transmission operator as confirmed by the parties not later than the eighth day of each calendar month following the month of reading and shall be considered as confirmed metered values. In case agreement is not reached after this date, the provisions of chapter ten, section VII shall apply.

(10) (New- SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Until the 9th day of the month following the reading, any owner of metering system shall send the metered values by settlement periods for sites having total installed capacity less than 500 kW, to producers of electricity from renewable sources and highly efficient combined generation, marked by file number/identification code, as follows:

1. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);
2. to end suppliers, for any metering point for any producer from whom they purchase electricity;
3. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);
4. to the standard balancing group coordinators for any commercial metering point for any producer included in the standard balancing group.

(11) (New- SG/72 of 2015, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Until the 9th day of the month following the reading, any owner of metering system shall send the metered values by settlement periods for sites having total installed capacity of 500 kW and over 500 kW, of producers of electricity from renewable sources and highly efficient combined generation, marked by file number/identification code, as follows:

1. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) of the Electricity System Security Fund for each commercial metering point for each producer;
2. (repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025);
3. of the coordinators of standard balancing groups for each commercial metering point for each producer included in the standard balancing group;
4. of each producer for each commercial metering point of the relevant energy production site.

(12) (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, previous para. 11, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Within the term under paragraph 10, the owners of metering systems shall provide to the end suppliers documents, drawn up in compliance with the contracts for usage of the respective network, for introduced adjustments in the provided values from the commercial metering devices for the producers' sites specified in paragraph 10 and/or changes in the commercial metering systems, which include measurement protocols, replacement of measuring instruments, change of constants, as well as for the accrued quantities of electricity at incorrect and/or inaccurate electricity metering.

Art. 89a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) (1) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator and the electricity distribution system operators and/or the closed electricity distribution system operators shall provide the trading participants with measurement data, beyond those mandatory under these rules, if technically possible and in accordance with the procedure, conditions and against payment in accordance with the instructions and price list adopted by the relevant system operator.

(2) The prices for the provision of the service under paragraph 1 must only reimburse the costs of the system operators and cannot include a profit.

Art. 90. The provisions of this section shall be applicable also for the metering points that correspond to sites of producers and consumers who provide ancillary services to the independent transmission operator.

Section IV

Determination of network technological losses

Art. 91. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) All metered values from the commercial electricity metering devices between the electricity transmission network and the electricity distribution/ closed distribution networks, between the separate electricity distribution networks and the closed electricity distribution networks, between producers/ electricity storage facilities and electricity transmission/distribution/ closed distribution network, shall be metered and used to determine the technological losses of the independent transmission operator, the distribution system operators and the closed distribution system operators.

Art. 92. (1) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The technological losses in the network shall be determined separately for the electricity transmission network and each electricity distribution/ closed electricity distribution network.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator, the distribution system operators and the closed distribution system operators, according to the relevant network ownership, shall determine the technological losses in the relevant network for each settlement period as the difference between the total quantity of electricity injected in the respective network at the metering points and the quantity of electricity consumed in the respective network and/or the quantity supplied from this network to other

neighbouring networks, according to the confirmed metered values.

(3) (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall calculate the imbalances electricity quantities needed to cover the technological losses in the transmission network, the distribution and closed distribution networks on the basis of the determined technological losses under paragraph 2 and the approved delivery schedules.

(4) All technological losses in the networks determined under paragraph 2 shall be considered as confirmed metered values.

Section V

Aggregation and submission of metered values

Art. 93. (1) After determining the confirmed metered values under art. 89 paragraph 9 and art. 92 paragraph 4, each owner of metering system shall determine the total physical deliveries for each producer and each consumer/supplier of end consumer (as appropriate) for the relevant network for each settlement period.

(2) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The aggregated generation of a producer/ electricity storage facility operator shall be equal to the sum of all confirmed metered values at the connection points of the generation blocks/the electricity storage facility to the relevant network.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The total consumption of a consumer/ electricity storage facility operator shall be equal to the sum of all confirmed metered values at the connection points /metering points of this consumer/ electricity storage facility operator connected to the relevant network.

Art. 94. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) Owners of metering systems shall submit to the independent transmission operator validated data, aggregated by balancing groups, from the commercial electricity metering devices of sites of trading participants connected to the relevant electricity network.

(2) Owners of metering systems shall submit to the coordinators of balancing groups aggregated validated data from the commercial electricity metering devices of sites of trading participants belonging to the relevant balancing group.

(3) (Supplemented – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) For customers with standardised load profiles, the owners of metering systems shall read the commercial metering devices according to the reading schedule of the respective owner of the metering system. The quantities of active power metered under the schedule shall be allocated to the applicable standardised loan profile for each settlement period from the 1st day till the last day of the calendar month, within which the reading was performed, and they shall be accepted as confirmed metered values under art. 89 paragraph 9. For the first month after the change of a supplier, the quantity of electricity that the owners of metering systems allocate for each settlement period to the applicable standardised loan profile can be determined based on the

readings under the reading schedule.

(4) Owners of metering system shall provide to the balancing group coordinators and to the independent transmission operator quantities of electricity under paragraph 3, aggregated by type of standardised loan profile and suppliers. Data provided by the owners of metering systems shall be used for settlement purposes and can be used by the suppliers for invoicing purposes.

(5) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall submit to the distribution system/ closed distribution system operator, within the deadlines under art. 89 paragraph 2, the aggregated values for the metered electricity load profiles, read from each commercial electricity metering device which participates in the formation of the total quantity of electricity supplied from the transmission to the distribution/ closed distribution network. Every distribution system operator shall submit within the deadlines under art. 89 paragraph 2, the aggregated values for the metered electricity load profiles, read from each commercial electricity metering device which participates in the formation of the total quantity of electricity supplied in the closed electricity distribution networks connected to it.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator shall submit to the end supplier, within the deadlines under art. 89 paragraph 2, the aggregated and grouped by regions for each settlement period values for the metered load profiles, formed from each commercial electricity metering device, which participates in the formation of the total quantity of electricity which the end supplier purchases from the regulated exchange market.

Section VI

Aggregation of metered values in regard to a balancing group coordinator

Art. 95. (1) After receipt of confirmed metered values, the independent transmission operator shall determine the total physical deliveries of each balancing group in respect to the metering points of the relevant network, for each settlement period.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The aggregated generation of a coordinator of balancing group shall be equal to the total generation of the sites of all producers/electricity storage facility operators for which the respective coordinator of balancing group bears the balancing responsibility.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The aggregated consumption of a coordinator of balancing group shall be equal to the total consumption of the sites of all consumers/electricity storage facility operators for which the relevant coordinator of balancing group bears balancing responsibility.

Section VII

Aggregation of metered values in regard to the relevant network

Art. 96. (1) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The net generation of the relevant network shall be equal to the sum of the total generation of all producers/ electricity storage facility operators connected to this network.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The net consumption of the relevant network shall be equal to the sum of the total consumption of all consumers/ electricity storage facility operators from this network.

(3) The electricity supplied to other networks shall be equal to the sum of all metered values certifying the electricity exchange from the relevant network to other networks. In respect to the electricity transmission network, the electricity export shall be also included to the realised exchange with other networks.

(4) The electricity received from other networks shall be equal to the sum of all metered values certifying the electricity exchange from the other networks to the relevant network. In respect to the electricity transmission network, the electricity import shall be also included to the realised exchange with other networks.

Section VIII

Aggregation of metered values in regard to the implementation of the activity “imbalance settlement” by the independent transmission operator

Art. 97. (1) The owners of metering systems shall submit to the independent transmission operator the following information in respect to the imbalance settlement, only for the respective network and separately for each settlement period:

1. confirmed metered values, separately for all dispatchable blocks and loads which provide ancillary services, including balancing energy;

2. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) confirmed metered values for other block which has submitted ancillary services to the independent transmission operator.

(2) The owners of metering systems shall submit to the independent transmission operator the following information, only for the respective network and separately for each settlement period:

1. total generation by type and total consumption in respect to each balancing group, determined in accordance with the provisions of art. 95 paragraphs 2 and 3;

2. technological losses in the network, determined according the provisions of art. 92 paragraphs 2 and 4;

3. net generation and net consumption in the respective network, determined according to the provisions of art. 96 paragraphs 1 and 2;

4. electricity supplied to other networks, determined in accordance with the provisions of art. 96 paragraph 3.

5. electricity received from other networks, determined in accordance with the provisions of art. 96 paragraph 4.

Art. 98. (1) (Amended and suppl. – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall perform preliminary physical settlement on a weekly basis of each coordinator of balancing group, for all metering points equipped with commercial metering devices, till Thursday -for the days of the preceding calendar week.

(2) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall perform final physical settlement of each coordinator of balancing group, including the sites under art. 86 paragraph 2, till the tenth day of each calendar month following the month of the metering devices reading.

(3) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall perform financial settlement on a monthly basis of each coordinator of balancing group, in accordance with the requirements of the Act on the Accounting and VAT Act. The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to adjust data in the monthly financial settlement for a period of up to two months as of the date of the last financial settlement, but only at change of data for sites under art. 86 paragraph 1.

(4) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The results from the physical and financial settlement according to chapter ten shall be reflected in the daily and monthly settlement statements of the balancing group coordinators and the balancing service providers.

Chapter eight

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON SWITCHING THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER AND THE BALANCING GROUP COORDINATOR. SUPPLIER OF LAST RESORT

Section I

Switching the electricity supplier and balancing group coordinator

Art. 99. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/100 of

2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.06.2020) (1) The procedure for this section shall cover:

1. replacement of end supplier with a supplier on the liberalised market or with a supplier of last resort, which is administered by the relevant electricity distribution system operator;

2. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) replacement of a supplier with another supplier on the market at freely negotiated prices, which is administered by the independent transmission operator or the relevant electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system operator;

3. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) replacement of a supplier on the market at freely negotiated prices with a supplier of last resort, which is administered by the independent transmission operator or the relevant electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system operator;

4. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) replacement of supplier of last resort to a supplier on the market at freely negotiated prices or to an end supplier, which is administered by the independent transmission operator or the relevant electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system operator;

5. replacement of a balancing group coordinator with another balancing group coordinator, that is administered according to para. 2;

6. replacement of supplier in the market at freely negotiated prices with an end supplier, which is administered by the relevant electricity distribution system operator;

7. transfer of balancing responsibility from one coordinator to another, that is administered according to para. 2.

(2) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The process of replacing the balancing group coordinator for end customers, producers and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to the electricity transmission network shall be administered by the independent transmission operator, and the process of switching the electricity supplier and balancing group coordinator for end customers, producers and operators of electricity storage facilities connected to an electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system – by the relevant electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system operator. The process of transferring balancing responsibility from one coordinator to another shall be administered by the independent transmission operator.

(3) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Switching the electricity supplier and/or balancing group coordinator, with the exception of the cases under art. 99, para. 1, item 3, shall be initiated by the end customer or by the producer or by the operator of an electricity storage facility through the supplier/balancing group coordinator chosen by him, and the supplier/balancing group coordinator shall declare that he has concluded a contract with the end customer/producer/electricity storage facility operator under art. 11, item 4 and/or under art. 11, item 9, and/or under art. 11, item 10. The selected coordinator should be included in the register of

balancing group coordinators under art. 65.

(4) The application for switching the electricity supplier and/or the balancing group coordinator, with the exception of cases of switching the supplier under art. 99, para. 1, item 3, shall be submitted by the new electricity supplier/balancing group coordinator to the relevant network operator electronically.

(5) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) At first switching of a supplier from the regulated market with a supplier on the liberalised market and in case the facility has an installed electricity meter for recording electricity by settlement periods, the consumer shall be entitled to receive information for the electricity consumption by settlement periods from the owners of the commercial metering devices within 5 days as of the date of submission of the application. Information can be requested for the previous two years as of the date of the application. This information shall be provided free of charge.

Art. 100. (Amended and supplemented – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 101. (1) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Electricity producers, electricity storage facility operators and end consumers shall pass an initial registration on the electricity market at freely negotiated prices under the procedure and the conditions of the rules under art. 24, para.3 of the Energy Act.

(2) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The procedure for initial registration shall be implemented for all sites for which the balancing responsibility is transferred from the end supplier and/or supplier of last resort to another supplier and coordinator.

(3) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG 40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The independent transmission operator and the distribution system operators shall be entitled to agree additionally an instruction, published on the site of the independent transmission operator, which is not controversial to the rules of art. 24, para. 3 of the Energy Act, and which supplements the process for access granting.

(4) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(5) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(6) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(7) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(8) (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 102. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective

1.05.2023) Where a request is filed for switching a supplier and /or balancing group coordinator according to art. 99 paragraph 1 items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 or 7, the respective network operator shall register the change only in the absence of a reasoned objection from his current supplier/balancing group coordinator.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The objection under paragraph 1 may be based on the presence of liabilities, resulting from:

1. valid contract under art. 11 item 4, and/or
2. valid contract under art. 11 item 9, and
3. valid contract under art. 11 item 10,
4. liabilities for sanctions, if they are provided for in the contracts under items 1-3,

5. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) unpaid deposit securing the payment of the last invoice, if such is provided for in the contract.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In case no reasoned objection is made by the current supplier and/or coordinator within two working days from the date of notification by the relevant network operator of the initiated procedure, the network operator shall register the change.

(4) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) After switching supplier, if the end customer has not fulfilled the obligations under the contract for the sale of electricity to his previous supplier, the latter is entitled to request a temporary suspension of the electricity supply. The application shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure specified in the instruction of the relevant network operator under para. 10.

(5) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) In the cases under para. 4, the relevant network operator to whom the request has been made shall notify the customer and the new supplier/coordinator no later than 5 working days before the date of the interruption and shall implement the request for interruption, with the supplier being liable for damages in the event of an unjustified interruption at the request of a supplier.

(6) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) When the customer repays his obligations under an electricity sales contract to his previous supplier before the date of the interruption, the previous supplier shall notify the relevant network operator immediately, but no later than 1 business day from the date of receipt of the payment.

(7) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) In the cases under paragraph 6, the network operator shall notify the new provider/coordinator immediately, but no later than 1 business day.

(8) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) In cases where the customer does not repay his obligations under a contract for the sale of electricity to his previous supplier by the date of interruption, the new supplier has the right

to terminate the contract with the customer. In this case, the new supplier shall notify the relevant network operator in accordance with art. 104, para. 2.

(9) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) In cases where the customer settles his/her obligations under a contract for the sale of electricity to his previous supplier after the date of interruption and the new supplier has not exercised his right under paragraph 8, the procedure under paragraphs 6 and 7 shall apply.

(10) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The procedures for temporary suspension and restoration of supply under this article shall be regulated in an instruction of the relevant network operator.

Art. 102a. (New – SG/100 of 2017, effective 01.01.2018). (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) At submission of documents for change of owner or user of a consumer's site on the free market, the new owner or user should have contracts under art. 11 items 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10 or contracts under art. 11 items 3, 4, 9 and 10.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, amended and suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In case the new owner or user wishes for the site to be supplied with electricity from its current supplier or has concluded a contract with a new supplier and the requirements of paragraph 1 are met not later than the 25th day of the current month, the relevant system operator shall register the change of the owner or the user as of 1st day of the following month, and the site shall remain on the free market at the supplier and balancing group coordinator selected by the customer.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In case the conditions under paragraphs 1 and/or 2 are not fulfilled, the relevant system operator shall transfer ex-officio the site from the current supplier to a supplier of last resort as of the 1st day of the month following the submission of the documents for the change of owner or user.

(4) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In cases under paragraph 3, the relevant system operator shall notify the market participants within the terms specified in the instruction under art. 103 paragraph 2.

(5) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In the event that the new owner or user of a site concludes a contract with a new supplier, including in the case of paragraph 3, the relevant network operator shall register the change of supplier in the absence of a reasoned objection from the supplier of the site under paragraph 2.

Section II

Procedure for changing affiliation to a balancing group

Art. 103. (1) (Amended and suppl. – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The procedure refers to trading participants who have received a notification regarding fulfilment of the access conditions

for the relevant sites according to the rules under art. 24, para. 3 of the Energy Act and they wish to be registered on the market at freely negotiated prices or to perform a consecutive switching of the supplier and/or the balancing group coordinator. The procedure shall be also applied in case the balancing responsibility is transferred/terminated between two balancing group coordinators.

(2) The independent transmission operator and distribution system operators shall be entitled to draft a manual, published on the independent transmission operator site, which is not controversial to these rules and supplements the process of switching a balancing group.

(3) (Suppl. – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The application of switching a supplier and/or coordinator shall be submitted to the distribution system/ the closed distribution system operator till the 10th day of the month preceding the month for which the change is requested, and to the independent transmission operator - till the 15th day of the month preceding the month for which the change is requested.

(4) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The switching of a supplier and/or a coordinator of balancing group shall be effective as of the first day of the month, except the cases under art. 68, para. 4 and 5, art. 103a, 103b, 103c and 104.

(5) The request under paragraph 3 shall contain the following information at least:

1. for the trading participant - name, EIC, ID code in the database of the network operator, correspondence address, e-mail and telephone;

2. for the sites of the trading participant - ID code for each site in the data base of the network operator, site address and identifier of the metering point used at the relevant network operator;

3. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) information about affiliation of direct or indirect member of balancing group;

4. (repealed – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020);

5. (repealed – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020).

(6) In case the submitted data is full and correct, the network operator shall send notification for forthcoming switching to the previous and the new balancing group coordinator within the terms according the instruction under paragraph 2.

(7) As of the date of entry into force of the switching of the balancing group coordinator, the owner of the commercial metering devices shall determine the consumed electricity in one of the following ways: the owner shall read the commercial metering devices, shall determine the quantity of electricity on the basis of a forecast consumption or on the basis of self-reading of the metering devices by the end consumer - in case of change of coordinator of balancing group by a consumer with standardised load profile.

(8) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) The owners of commercial metering devices shall send the data under paragraph 7 not later than 7 days after the date of change of the supplier.

(9) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and suppl., SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In cases according EA, when the supply of electricity should be performed by a supplier of last resort, the switching of a coordinator of balancing group shall be registered ex-officio by the relevant system operator, within 2 working days as of receipt of the information under art. 104 paragraph 2.

(10) The independent transmission operator shall inform the trading participant, the current supplier, the current coordinator and the supplier of last resort of the ex-officio registration under paragraph 9.

(11) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The distribution system/ the closed distribution system operator shall inform the trading participant, the current supplier, the current coordinator, the supplier of last resort and the independent transmission operator of the ex-officio registration under paragraph 9.

(12) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) In cases according to art. 56e, paragraph 5, the switching of balancing group coordinator shall be registered ex-officio by the relevant distribution system operator.

(13) (New- SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator and the distribution system operator shall inform the trading participant and the current coordinator of the ex-officio registration under paragraph 12.

(14) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Where the contract under art. 11 item 13 is terminated due to reasons for which the respective electricity trader is responsible, the respective network operator shall register ex-officio a switching of supplier by a supplier of last resort for all sites of consumers of this trader with standardised load profiles. The respective network operator shall inform the trading participant, the current coordinator and the supplier of last resort of the ex-officio registration.

Art. 103a. (New – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, new, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) (1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Upon initial registration on the market at freely negotiated prices of an electricity producer/electricity storage facility operator who has received a notification for the relevant sites of compliance with the conditions for granting access in accordance with the rules under art. 24, para. 3 of the Energy Act, the coordinator selected by the electricity producer/electricity storage facility operator shall submit an application to the relevant network operator for registration of the electricity producer/electricity storage facility operator in its balancing group, and shall declare that it has concluded a contract with the electricity producer/electricity storage facility operator under art. 11, item 4 and/or under art. 11, item 9, and/or under art. 11, item 17, and shall submit information on the decision of EWRC to issue a license for the activity "electricity production" or for the activity "electricity trade" or a permit to commence the implementation of a licensed activity

in cases where such are required under the Energy Act.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In case the requirements under para. 1 are met, the relevant network operator shall register the producer/operator of an electricity storage facility in the coordinator's balancing group no later than one working day from the receipt of the application under para. 1.

Art. 103b. (New – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) (1) In cases where EWRC permits the transformation of a licensee who is also a balancing group coordinator, the person who will perform the licensing activity and exercise the rights and obligations of a balancing group coordinator after the transformation shall submit an application/ applications to the relevant network operator for a change of supplier and for the transfer to its balancing group of all members of the balancing group of the transformed licensee.

(2) The application/ applications shall be submitted immediately after the transformation is entered in the commercial register, attaching the decision of EWRC to permit the transformation and a list of the trading participants' sites that are transferred to the composition of its balancing group.

(3) In case the requirements of para. 2 are met, the relevant network operator shall, within 3 working days of receiving the application/ applications, register ex officio the change of the supplier/coordinator as of the date of entry of the transformation in the commercial register, of which it shall notify the receiving company in writing.

(4) The relevant network operator and the licensee shall, if necessary, update the contract under art. 11, item 8 and/or 13.

Art. 103b. (New – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) (1) In cases of transfer of a commercial enterprise from a licensee who is also a balancing group coordinator to a person who will perform the licensing activity and exercise the rights and obligations of a balancing group coordinator after the transfer of the commercial enterprise, the legal successor shall submit an application/ applications to the relevant network operator for a change of supplier/coordinator and for the transfer to its balancing group of all members of the transferor's balancing group.

(2) The application/ applications shall be submitted immediately after the conclusion of the contract for the transfer of a commercial enterprise in accordance with the requirements of art. 15 of the Commercial Law, attaching the contract for the transfer of the commercial enterprise and a list of the trading participants' sites that are transferred to the composition of its balancing group.

(3) In case the requirements of para. 2 are met, the relevant network operator shall, within 3 working days of receiving the application/ applications, register ex officio the change of the supplier/coordinator as of the date of entry into force of the contract for the transfer of a commercial enterprise, of which it shall notify the acquiring company in writing.

(4) The relevant network operator and the successor shall, if necessary, update the contract under art. 11, item 8 and/or 13.

Section III

Rules for electricity supply from supplier of last resort **(Title amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021)**

Art. 104. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, suppl., SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Supplier of last resort shall be an entity which holds a license according the EA and supplies electricity when the main supplier under the contract for a sale trade is not in condition to continue the supply due to announcement of bankruptcy, liquidation, revoked license, removal from the market, termination of the supply contract or any other event which has led to temporary or constant termination of the electricity supply, as well as to end consumers who cannot be customers of the final supplier until another supplier is selected.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The end consumer or the supplier shall notify in written the relevant distribution system operator immediately, but not later than 24 hours of their effect, of the presence of circumstances which has led to or will lead to temporary and constant termination of the electricity supply and the date as of which the electricity supply under the current contract is terminated.

(3) (New – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) Upon expiration of the term of a contract under art. 11, item 9 and/or 10, in case the contract is not renewed and a procedure for changing the supplier/coordinator is not in progress, which will be completed by the expiration of the term of the contract, the current coordinator/supplier shall notify the relevant network operator no later than 5 working days before the expiration of the term of the contract that the facility of such a customer shall be transferred to the balancing group of the supplier of last resort.

(4) (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 3, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The relevant distribution system operator shall register ex-officio within the terms under art. 103, para. 9, the replacement of the current coordinator/supplier with a supplier of last resort. In the event that the customer does not provide the supplier of last resort with information necessary for the performance of the contract within the specified period, the supplier of last resort has the right to suspend the supply of electricity until it is provided and after payment of all amounts due for the supply made, including for temporary suspension and restoration of the supply.

(5) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 4, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The price at which a supplier of last resort sells electricity to the end consumer shall be determined according approved by EWRC "Methodology for price determination of electricity supplied by a supplier of last resort".

(6) (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 5, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The relevant distribution system operator shall send timely identifying information for the consumer and his sites to the supplier of last resort, as well as data for the monthly quantities consumed electricity for the preceding 12 months.

(7) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 6, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The relevant network operator, if technically possible, shall provide the supplier of last resort, in addition to information under art. 94, para. 2 and 4, with access to data from all means of commercial metering of electricity at the sites of trading participants that belong to its balancing group.

(8) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 7, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) When submitting an application for a change of owner or user of a consumer's site of a supplier of last resort, the new owner or user must have concluded the contracts under art. 11, items 1, 2, 4, 10 or the contracts under art. 11, items 3, 4, 10.

(9) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 8, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The application is submitted through the supplier of last resort to the relevant network operator, who registers the change of owner or user, with the site remaining with the supplier of last resort.

(10) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, previous para. 9, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In the event that the new owner or user of a site concludes a contract with another supplier, the relevant network operator shall register the change of supplier in the absence of a reasoned objection from the supplier of last resort regarding the existence of obligations for the site, including obligations of the previous owner or user.

SECTION IIIa
(New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015)
Standardised load profiles. Terms and conditions for
switching an electricity supplier for customers owning sites
where standardized load profiles shall apply
(Title amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020)

Art. 104a. (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) This section shall regulate the participation in the electricity market at freely negotiated prices of consumers who have expressed will to change the supplier of a universal service, with no installed electricity metering devices for each settlement period, including the terms and conditions for switching the electricity supplier of such consumers in the cases under art. 99, para. 1, items 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Art. 104b. (New – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) Standardised load profiles (SLP) which are applied for the sites under art. 86 paragraph 2 shall be developed by the distribution system operators.

(2) Standardised load profiles shall be consistent with the climate specifics and the consumption specifics of the separate site groups of consumers depending on the electric network on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to which these sites are connected.

(3) (Amended and suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Standardised load profiles shall contain coefficients for each delivery interval set for a period of one calendar year, which can be updated on a yearly basis. The coefficients for each delivery interval for each profile may differ for the different distribution system operators and shall be determined by the relevant network operator to whose network the consumer's site is connected.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Standardised load profiles that are applied by the respective network operator shall be submitted to EWRC and shall be published on the internet page of the respective operator not later than one month before their introduction.

(5) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The Energy and Water Regulatory Commission shall be entitled to give instructions for amendment and supplement of the submitted SLP, as well as instructions for the development of new profiles.

Art. 104c. (New – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) (Amended and suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) SLP assignment to a certain site shall be made by the distribution system operator according to the type of profile stated by the consumer, in accordance with the purpose of the site and the electricity consumption characteristics in it and shall be effective as of the date of registration upon switching the supplier/balancing group coordinator.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) All consumers whose sites have a SLP under this section shall be indirect members of balancing groups.

(3) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The distribution system operator shall be entitled to change the SLP type, if it establishes that the consumption does not correspond to the declared one. The change shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the inconsistency establishment. The network operator shall inform the consumer and the supplier of the change made not later than seven days before the implementation of the change.

(4) (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) If it is necessary to change the purpose of the site or the nature of electricity consumption in the site, the consumer shall notify the relevant electricity distribution network operator, and the latter may change the SLP type to one corresponding to the new consumption. The change in the SLP type shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the month of the change. The network operator shall inform the consumer and the supplier of the change made no later than two working days before the beginning of the month in which the change enters into force.

Art. 104d. (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended and suppl., SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) (1) For consumers under this section, the change of supplier/coordinator is free of charge and comes into effect within the terms under art. 103, para. 4, and applications for initial registration on the electricity market at freely negotiated prices and applications for a change of supplier/coordinator of a balancing group are submitted electronically within the terms under art. 103, para. 3 by the new supplier/coordinator, who must have concluded a contract with the end

customer under art. 11, item 10.

(2) In respect to the procedures for change of coordinator/supplier, the relevant electricity distribution system operator may not require from the customer or from the new supplier/coordinator any additional documents other than those under paragraph 1.

(3) Within 4 working days from the date of submission of an application under paragraph 1, the relevant electricity distribution network operator shall verify the data provided.

(4) In the absence of a framework agreement concluded between the new supplier and the electricity distribution network operator, as well as in the event that more than one change of supplier has been requested for the same customer site in the month preceding the month in which the change comes into force, the electricity distribution system operator shall terminate the procedure for changing the supplier, of which it shall notify the applicants by e-mail.

(5) In case of incompleteness or inaccuracies in the information provided, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall, within the period referred to in paragraph 3, notify the applicant thereof by e-mail through the supplier/coordinator who submitted the application referred to in paragraph 1, and shall give the applicant a period of 3 working days to remedy them. In case the applicant fails to remedy the incompleteness/inaccuracies within the specified period, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall terminate the procedure.

(6) In case, after the expiry of the period under paragraph 3 or 5, it is established that the provided data is complete and correct, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall send a notification by e-mail about the upcoming change to the current and the new supplier/coordinator within 3 working days.

Art. 104e. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) (1) The current and the new supplier/coordinator shall, within 2 working days of receiving the notification under art. 104d, para. 6, confirm or make a reasoned objection to the change by e-mail.

(2) In case no reasoned objection is made, the change is assumed to be confirmed.

(3) In the event of an objection being received, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall inform the applicant by e-mail within 1 working day, and if the applicant fails to certify the elimination of the reason for the objection within 1 working day, the procedure for changing the supplier shall be terminated.

(4) If no objection has been received or the reasons for the objection have been removed, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall register the change up to 3 working days before the beginning of the month in which the change enters into force.

(5) Within 2 working days before the beginning of the month in which the change comes into effect, the relevant electricity distribution system operator shall provide information about the change of the current and new supplier by e-mail.

(6) Regarding the procedures for switching coordinator/supplier for these customers, the electricity distribution system operators submit to the electricity transmission network operator aggregated information by balancing group coordinators on the number of sites for each profile.

Art. 104f. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021).

Art. 104g. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) After switching the supplier, if the end customer has not fulfilled the obligations under the contract for electricity sale to its previous supplier, the latter has the right to request a temporary suspension of its electricity supply. In this case, the procedure under art. 102, para. 4 – 10 shall apply.

Art. 104h. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) (1) The owners of metering systems shall provide aggregated data for each delivery interval under art. 94, para. 4 for each of the SLP by balancing group coordinators to the independent transmission operator by 5:00 p.m. on the third working day for the days of the previous month, but no later than the fourth calendar day.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Within the period under para. 1, the owners of metering systems shall provide the coordinators of balancing groups with approved measured values for each delivery interval under art. 94, para. 4, aggregated by SLP type.

(3) (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Within the terms under art. 89, para. 9, the owners of metering systems shall provide the coordinators of balancing groups with data on the total amount of electricity for each site, on the basis of which the data under para. 2 are formed.

(4) (Previous para. 3 – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) For customers under this section, the data provided by the owners of metering systems under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be considered as measured quantities of active electrical energy.

Chapter nine

(Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

BALANCING MARKET

Section I

(Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

General conditions

Art. 105. (1) (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended and suppl., SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The balancing market shall be centralised and shall be organised by the independent transmission operator.

(2) The independent transmission operator conducts auction procedures for the purchase of

availability for ancillary services - frequency containment reserve and frequency restoration reserve (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacities, to ensure their size, specified in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act, for the purpose of the electricity system secure functioning.

(3) At the balancing market, the independent transmission operator shall sell and/or purchase electricity to/from trading participants— balancing service providers in order to balance the deviation from the planned /matched generation and consumption schedules.

(4) The independent transmission operator conducts a retraining procedure to certify the ability of a provider to provide the relevant ancillary services requested.

(5) The independent transmission operator maintains a register of balancing services providers, which have successfully entered the procedure under para. 4 with the relevant technical parameters of units/modules that can be of production, consumer, energy storage systems and aggregated kind.

(6) The energy required to balance the deviation from the planned/agreed schedules for the production and consumption of electricity under para. 3, is provided through auction procedures organized by an independent transmission operator.

(7) The independent transmission operator conducts auction procedures for the preparation of merit order lists of proposals for electricity to upward and downward regulation from participation in frequency restoration (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacity, as well as from a replacement reserve in order to exercise the overall balance between interconnection exchange, production and consumption of electricity in the control block/market zone.

(8) The sorted availability providers of ancillary services under para. 2 shall be obliged to submit bids to auction procedures for the preparation of merit order lists to activate balancing energy, the quantities in accordance with their trade schedules, incl. the sorted availability for the respective ancillary service.

(9) The sorted availability providers for ancillary services under para. 2 may transfer their obligation under para. 8 to another provider/providers after agreeing with the independent transmission operator, but at least up to one hour before the start of delivery day.

(10) The independent transmission operator shall activate in real time the proposals for balancing energy from the merit order lists under paragraph 7 in order to achieve the overall balance between the interconnection exchange, production and consumption of electricity in the control block/market area.

(11) The activated balancing energy price under paragraph 10 shall be finally determined using the "Pay as Clear" method.

(12) Bids under paragraph 7 and transactions on the balancing market shall be implemented by individual units or by aggregators.

(13) (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) Shortage and surplus balancing energy prices shall be determined in accordance with the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11 of the Energy Act.

(14) The balancing market cannot be used to close and balance open positions realized before the dispatch time.

(15) The independent transmission operator shall perform daily monitoring of purchases and sales made on the exchange market operator's platforms and shall notify it on the day following the day of delivery of sales made that are not secured by the corresponding purchases on the day of delivery.

(16) In the cases provided for in paragraph 15, the exchange market operator shall suspend payments to the trading participant until receiving a new notification from the independent transmission operator that the commitments in relation to the energy sold on the balancing market have been fulfilled.

Section II

(Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Roles and responsibilities

(Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 106. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator is responsible for:

1. verification of compliance with requirements and registration of balancing service providers;
2. signing a contract with balancing service providers;
3. organizing auction procedures on collecting for ancillary services availability;
4. organizing auction procedures on collecting proposals for balancing energy;
5. sorting proposals of provision of ancillary services availability for frequency containment and frequency restoration (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacities, as well as for balancing energy from frequency restoration (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacities of replacement reserves;
6. maintaining a register of balancing service providers;
7. calculation and settlement of relationships with balancing service providers in relation to the activated and delivered balancing energy to compensate energy shortages or surpluses in the electricity system.

(2) The balancing service provider shall provide to the independent transmission operator its proposals for ancillary services availability.

(3) The balancing service provider, on the basis of an ancillary services contract, shall provide to the independent transmission operator its offers for balancing energy, corresponding to

the volume, products and other requirements specified in the ancillary services availability contract and these rules or information published on the independent transmission operator's website.

(4) All balancing service providers are entitled to submit proposals for balancing energy to the independent transmission operator.

Section III

Balancing market rules

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 107. (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Balancing market rules shall regulate the conditions of balancing energy sale and purchase, in order to guarantee the security and sustainability of the national electric power system and the secure parallel operation of the electric power system of Continental Europe.

(2) Electricity generators shall notify their schedules pursuant to the concluded contracts, within the operational range of their aggregates and according to the expected net generation for the relevant period. Coordinators of balancing groups shall notify their electricity quantities schedules pursuant to the concluded contracts and the executed by them transactions on the power exchange market.

Section IV

Pre-selection of balancing service providers

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 108. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A balancing service provider must have successfully passed the pre-selection procedure.

(2) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) A balancing service provider, with the exception of an aggregator of a group of sites, must have concluded contracts for access and/or transmission to/through the relevant network, providing the independent transmission operator with information on the contracts concluded with the electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution system operator. The aggregator of a group of sites provides the independent transmission operator with information on the contracts concluded for access and/or transmission to/through the electricity distribution/closed electricity distribution network for each site in its group.

(3) A balancing service provider must have installed telecommunication and telemechanic means for the needs of providing real-time tele-information.

(4) A balancing service provider must install electricity net metering of the relevant units/modules providing reserve and, where applicable, gross electricity metering. If certain units/modules providing reserve are not equipped with means of commercial net electricity metering, allowing separate accounting of electricity from/for each unit/module, a mutually approved methodology shall be applied for dividing the net metered quantities as a whole into individual units/modules based on the information on the metered net and/or gross quantities of electricity for a specific unit/module.

(5) A balancing service provider should be included with the status "active" in the register of admitted participants who have acquired the right to participate in auction procedures.

(6) A balancing service provider shall not be in bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings.

(7) A balancing service provider shall submit a written application to the independent transmission operator according to an approved template, to which all relevant technical information shall be attached.

Art. 109. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Pre-selection of balancing service providers applies to all applicants who wish to participate in the provision of frequency containment reserves and frequency restoration reserves (with automatic and manual activation) and exchange capacities.

(2) Each candidate for a balancing service provider shall submit to the application under art. 108, para. 7 dynamic parameters, representing a set of data and characteristics of the individual units/modules providing reserve, related to their possibility of changing the output power.

(3) The balancing service provider acquires the right to participate in auction procedures only if it successfully has passed the preliminary selection of the independent transmission operator, respectively is included with the status "active" in the register of admitted participants.

Section V

Register of balancing service providers

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 110. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall establish and keep a register of the balancing service providers.

Art. 110a. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The registration of a new balancing service provider and its registration under the previous article shall be performed on the date on which the contract for participation in the balancing market with a balancing service provider enters into force.

Art. 110b. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The register shall include the following information:

1. full name of the provider;
2. type of provider (aggregator or individual);
3. headquarters;
4. correspondence address;
5. name of the units/modules providing balancing services;
6. type of modules (production, consumer, hybrid);
7. EIC code of each unit/module providing services, or group of independent units/modules;
8. date of initial registration;
9. current status;
10. date of inclusion/exclusion/update of data for the respective provider;
11. number of an up-to-date contract for participation in auction procedures for the provision of balancing services;
12. technical characteristics of the units/modules providing the relevant services;
13. type of balancing service that he is qualified to provide.

Art. 110c. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Each balancing service provider shall be entitled to verify the information related to him in the register of balancing service providers and to require change of any noticed discrepancy.

(2) Information in the register of balancing service provider shall be public.

Art. 110d. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A balancing service provider may terminate its participation in that market at its own discretion, by a written application, only in case the relevant provider do not operate dispatchable aggregate/module/unit.

(2) The application under paragraph 1 shall be sent at least one month before the date on which the registration of the provider shall be terminated.

(3) Upon receipt of the application under paragraph 2, the independent transmission operator shall inform the coordinator of the balancing group to which the relevant provider belongs.

Art. 110e. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to terminate the registration of a balancing service provider when:

1. the provider is no longer able to meet one or more of the necessary requirements for registration as a balancing service provider, or
2. the balancing service provider does not comply with the conditions of the contract for participation in the balancing market, or
3. the balancing service provider breaches again the rules applied on the balancing market or the rules for settlement of mutual obligations, or
4. under other conditions specified in the rules for conducting auction procedures.

(2) The registration of a balancing service provider shall be deemed terminated upon the issuance of a decision by EWRC to revoke or terminate or suspend an issued license for the activity

"electricity generation" or "electricity trade", or in the event of the expiration or termination of such a license, when the activity of the balancing service provider is subject to licensing under the Energy Act.

Art. 110f. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The registration termination of a balancing service provider shall be reflected in the register of balancing service providers that have acquired the right to participate in auction procedures, and the reasoned decision shall be published on the website of the independent transmission operator.

(2) (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) A participant who has been excluded from the register may submit an application for a new registration no earlier than two months from the date of its exclusion.

Art. 110g. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) If a balancing service provider terminates its participation in this market in accordance with the provisions of art. 110d or its registration was terminated by the independent transmission operator in accordance with the provisions of art. 110e, the provisions of art. 179 shall apply for the days till the termination of the registration.

(2) The balancing service provider shall settle all its obligations with the independent transmission operator till the registration termination date.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall inform the coordinator of the balancing group of the change in the register under art. 110.

Section VI

Basic principles of conducting auction procedures for availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities

(Title new – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 111. (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator conducts daily auction procedures for the supply of availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities according to auction rules that determine:

1. general requirements for a balancing service provider to participate in the auctions;
2. standard and specific products for the auctions;
3. auctions conducting times;
4. criteria of optimization function;
5. publication of results.

(2) The independent transmission operator publishes on its website Rules for conducting auction procedures of purchasing availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 112. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator administers an electronic platform with the ability to receive proposals from a balancing service provider for availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities.

(2) The independent transmission operator determines the rules for the operation of the platform, the communication protocols and other technical characteristics of the platform, publishing this information on its website.

(3) The independent transmission operator provides all necessary availability reserves from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities through the platform.

(4) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) In exceptional cases of technical problems, the independent transmission operator shall determine ex officio the availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities in a volume determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in art. 77, para.11, and at a price corresponding to the average price at which EWRC has valued these costs in the current price decision. The independent transmission operator shall immediately notify all participants in the emergency situation of the reasons for the technical problem. The information shall be published on the website of the independent transmission operator.

(5) The sorting of the bids is according to the optimization function determined by the independent transmission operator, and the sorted availability quantities are paid on the "Pay as Bid" principle.

(6) The independent transmission operator publishes results on the sorted bids for availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities, sorted in ascending order of their proposed prices.

(7) When bids with the same price are received, the bids received earlier have priority.

(8) The results of the auction procedures are public and are published on the platform.

Art. 113. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator has the right to limit the maximum values of the proposed prices for availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities in accordance with the average price at which EWRC has valued these costs in the current price decision.

Art. 114. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The balancing service provider is obliged to submit proposals for the availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency

restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities with quantities not less than those determined by the independent transmission operator pursuant to art. 77, para. 11.

(2) In case of non-fulfillment of the obligation of a balancing service provider under para. 1, the independent transmission operator has the right to determine ex officio for the balancing service provider the quantities of availability from frequency containment reserves, frequency restoration reserves with automatic and manual activation and exchange capacities corresponding to those determined in accordance with the procedure of art. 77, para. 11 at zero price.

Section VII

Providing balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities (Title new – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 115. (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator organizes auctions for balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

(2) Bids for balancing energy for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities may only be submitted by a registered balancing service provider.

(3) A balancing service provider participating in the auction procedure for the supply of availability for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities is obliged to submit bids for balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities at least within the amount of availability for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities sorted in the auction procedure.

(4) The balancing service provider shall submit separate proposals for upward regulation and downward regulation for the supply of availability and balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

(5) A balancing service provider that is registered as a provider of availability and balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities has the right to submit proposals for balancing energy for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities beyond the availability quantity sorted within the auction procedure.

(Section III

Suppliers on balancing market – title repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 116. (Amended and suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/110 of

2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A balancing service provider may submit bids for one or more reserve providing units. A balancing service provider may not submit linked bids that would bind different bids for different time periods and whose activation would depend on each other.

(2) The independent transmission operator shall determine the general characteristics of the availability products for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 117. (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Balancing energy products from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities are different for each direction and are different for each product.

(2) The price of activated balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities is finally determined using the "Pay as Clear" method.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall determine common definitions of balancing energy products from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 118. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The whole availability for frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacity allocated after the auction procedure must be continuously available without interruption for the entire period of the auction procedure, and can be activated at any time by the independent transmission operator and cannot be scheduled and committed for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacity.

(2) The balancing service provider must constantly monitor its availability for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities and immediately send notifications to the independent transmission operator in case of technical difficulties leading to the impossibility of performing balancing energy activation.

(3) In case of technical difficulties leading to the impossibility of performing balancing energy activation, the balancing service provider must provide within one week a detailed explanation of the incident and a proposal for measures to prevent the recurrence of the incident.

Art. 118a. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

(Section IV

Register of the suppliers on the balancing market – title repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 119. (Suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/110 of 2022, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The balancing service provider may not deliver frequency containment reserve and frequency restoration reserve with manual activation and

exchange capacity from the same units simultaneously with frequency containment and restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacity, provided that the range of frequency containment and restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacity is not ensured.

Art. 120. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall notify the balancing service provider of the auction results via the platform.

(2) In case of technical difficulties that lead to the impossibility of activating balancing energy, the balancing service provider shall send a notification to the independent transmission operator no later than 2 hours before the start of the settlement period.

Art. 121. (Amended and suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Balancing service providers that are sorted according to the auction procedure for availability for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities are obliged to submit bids for balancing energy to the platform at least in the amount of availability provided in the auction procedure, but not exceeding the value of the availability for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities of the balancing service provider with which they are entered in the register of balancing service providers.

(2) All balancing service providers registered as providers of frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities have the right to submit additional bids for balancing energy on the platform up to the value of the registered availability for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities of a balancing service provider with which they are entered in the register of balancing service providers.

Art. 122. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The balancing service provider sends the balancing energy proposals to the web-based platform administered by the independent transmission operator.

(2) A balancing service provider has the option to send proposals for balancing energy, which in total do not exceed the value of the registered availability for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities, to a balancing service provider.

(3) The independent transmission operator selects all bids for balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities through the platform. In exceptional cases of technical problems, the independent transmission operator may solicit proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities, using various means of communication, such as e-mail. The independent transmission operator shall immediately notify by e-mail all participants in the emergency situation of the reasons for the technical problem and publish this information on its website.

(4) The independent transmission operator shall prepare a merit order list of proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

(5) The sorting of balancing energy sources when compiling a merit order list for compensating for the shortage of generating capacity in the power system is carried out in

ascending order of the price of the proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

(6) The sorting of balancing energy sources when compiling a merit order list for compensating for the surplus of generated power in the power system is carried out in descending order of the price of the proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 123. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall conduct auctions for the supply of balancing energy from frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities according to auction rules that specify at least:

1. general rules for a balancing service provider to participate in the auctions;
2. date and time of holding the auctions;
3. auction opening time, auction closing time, voluntary bid market opening time and voluntary bid market closing time;
4. acceptance of bids;
5. optimization function criteria;
6. schedule of calculation and publication of results.

(2) (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

(3) (New – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator publishes on its website rules for conducting auction procedures on preparing merit order lists of proposals for balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from frequency restoration reserves activated automatically and exchange capacities.

Art. 124. (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The bids in the merit order list for upward regulation are activated in a cascade manner, with the bids with the lowest price being activated first, until the required volume of balancing energy is activated.

(2) The bids in the merit order list for downward regulation are activated in a cascade manner, with the bids with the highest price being activated first, until the required volume of balancing energy is activated.

(3) When bids with the same price are received, the bids received earlier have priority.

Art. 124a. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) When activating proposals for frequency restoration with automatic activation and exchange capacities from the merit order lists, an additional schedule is generated to the trading schedules and the imbalances of the respective balancing service provider are determined based on the aggregated schedule.

Section VIII

Providing balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacities

(Title new – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 125. (1) The independent transmission operator organizes auctions for balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacities.

(2) Bids for balancing energy for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities may only be submitted by a registered balancing service provider.

(3) A balancing service provider participating in the auction procedure for the supply of availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities is obliged to submit bids for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities at least within the volume of availability frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities specified in the auction.

(4) The balancing service provider shall submit separate proposals for upward regulation and downward regulation for the supply of balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacity.

(5) A balancing service provider that is registered as a provider of availability and balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacities has the right to submit additional bids for balancing energy for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities beyond the availability quantity sorted as a result of the auction procedure.

(Section V

Centralised market of ancillary services – title repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 126. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

(1) A balancing service provider may submit bids for one or more reserve providing units. A balancing service provider may not submit linked bids that would bind different bids for different time periods and whose activation would depend on each other.

(2) The independent transmission operator shall determine the general characteristics of the availability products for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 127. (Repealed SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, new, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Balancing energy products from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities are different for each control direction and for each specific product.

(2) The price of activated balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacity is finally determined using the "Pay as Clear" method.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall determine common definitions of balancing energy products from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 128. (Amended and suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective from the date on which the independent transmission operator starts to carry out the imbalance settlement procedure under art. 22 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23.11.2017 establishing guidelines for electricity balancing, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The whole availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities allocated after the auction procedure must be continuously available without interruption for the entire period of the auction procedure and can be activated at any time by the independent transmission operator.

(2) The balancing service provider must constantly monitor its availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacity control and immediately notify the independent transmission operator in the event of technical difficulties leading to the impossibility of performing balancing energy activation.

(3) In case of technical difficulties leading to the impossibility of performing balancing energy activation, the balancing service provider must provide within one week a detailed explanation of the incident and a proposal for measures to prevent the recurrence of the incident.

(4) A balancing service provider may not deliver frequency containment reserves and frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation and exchange capacity from the same units simultaneously with frequency containment reserves and frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacity provided that the range of the frequency containment reserves and frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacity is not ensured.

(Section VI

Purchase of availability for participation in frequency containment, frequency restoration with automatic activation and frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities – title amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 129. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator notifies the balancing service provider of the auction results via the platform.

(2) In case of technical difficulties that lead to the impossibility of activating balancing energy, the balancing service provider shall send a notification to the transmission system operator no later than 2 hours before the start of the settlement period.

Art. 130. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Balancing service providers that are sorted after the auction procedure for availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities are obliged to submit bids for balancing energy to the platform

at least in the volume of availability provided at the auction, but not exceeding the value of availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities of a balancing service provider with which they are entered in the register of balancing service providers.

(2) All balancing service providers that are registered as providers of frequency restoration reserves with manual activation and exchange capacities have the right to submit additional bids for balancing energy on the platform up to the value of the registered availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities of a balancing service provider with which they are entered in the register of balancing service providers.

(Section VII

Purchase of secondary reserve – title repealed, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021)

Art. 131. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, amended and suppl., SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A balancing service provider sends balancing energy proposals to the web-based platform administered by the independent transmission operator.

(2) A balancing service provider has the possibility to submit proposals for balancing energy that in total do not exceed the value of the registered availability for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities of the balancing service provider in any time period.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall collect all bids for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities through the platform. In exceptional cases of technical problems, the independent transmission operator may solicit proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities, using different means of communication, such as e-mail. The independent transmission operator shall immediately notify by e-mail all participants in the emergency situation of the reasons for the technical problem and publish this information on its website.

(4) The independent transmission operator shall prepare a merit order list of proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

(5) The sorting of balancing energy sources when compiling a merit order list for compensating for the shortage of generating capacity in the power system is carried out in ascending order of the price of the proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

(6) The sorting of balancing energy sources when compiling a merit order list for compensating for the surplus of generating capacity in the power system is carried out in descending order of the price of the proposals for balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 132. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall conduct auctions for the supply of balancing energy from frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities according to auction rules that specify at least:

1. general rules for a balancing service provider to participate in the auctions;
2. date and time of holding the auctions;
3. auction opening time, auction closing time, voluntary bid market opening time and voluntary bid market closing time;
4. acceptance of bids;
5. optimization function criteria;
6. schedule for calculation and publication of results.

(2) (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

(3) (New – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The independent transmission operator publishes on its website rules for conducting auction procedures for preparing merit order lists of proposals for balancing energy for upward and downward regulation from activated reserves for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities.

Art. 133. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The bids in the merit order list for upward regulation are activated in a cascade manner, with the bids with the lowest price being activated first, until the required volume of balancing energy is activated.

(2) The bids in the merit order list for downward regulation are activated in a cascade manner, with the bids with the highest price being activated first, until the required volume of balancing energy is activated.

(3) When bids with the same price are received, the bids received earlier have priority.

(Section VII

(Previous Section VIII – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021)

Purchase and bids of balancing energy from availability for participation frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities (Title amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 134. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) When activating proposals for frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities from the merit order lists, an additional schedule is generated to the commercial schedules and the imbalances of the respective balancing service provider are determined based on the aggregated schedule.

Section VIIIa

(New – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Providing balancing energy from a replacement reserve

Art. 135. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Sources of balancing energy from a replacement reserve are:

1. dispatchable generation sites;
2. dispatchable sites of end consumers of electricity;
3. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) dispatchable electricity storage facilities.

(2) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Electricity storage facilities are considered as dispatched load when in consumption mode.

Art. 136. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Bids for balancing from replacement reserve shall state the capability of a trading participant to deviate from the generation/consumption schedule against the relevant price for increase or reduction of the generation/consumption in case this is ordered by the dispatching systems of the independent transmission operator.

Art. 137. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Bids for downward regulation, submitted from producers and electricity storage facilities shall be to reduce generation and respectively, of the electrical energy coming from storage facilities into the network.

(2) Activation of bids for downward regulation under paragraph 1 by the dispatching systems of the independent transmission operator shall aim at reduction of active power output of the relevant site against the level stated in the generation schedule.

Art. 138. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Bids for downward regulation, submitted from end consumers and electricity storage facilities shall be to increase consumption.

(2) Activation of bids for downward regulation under paragraph 1 by the dispatching systems of the independent transmission operator shall aim at increasing the electricity consumption of the relevant site against the stated in the consumption schedule.

Art. 139. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Bids for upward regulation, submitted from producers and electricity storage facilities shall be to increase generation and respectively, of the electrical energy coming from storage facilities into the network.

(2) Activation of bids for upward regulation under paragraph 1 by the dispatching systems of the independent transmission operator shall aim at increasing the active power output of the relevant site against the level stated in the generation schedule.

Art. 140. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Bids for upward regulation, submitted by end consumers and electricity storage facilities shall be to reduce consumption.

(2) Activation of bids for upward regulation under paragraph 1 by the dispatching systems of the independent transmission operator shall aim at reduction of the electricity consumption of the relevant site against the stated in the consumption schedule.

Art. 140a. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Aggregators of a group of sites submit upward balancing proposals and downward balancing proposals aggregated for the entire group of sites.

(2) The balancing energy provided by the aggregator of a group of sites is determined in total for the entire group.

Section IX

(Previous Section IX – SG/110 of 2021, effective from 24.12.2021, previous Section VIII, SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Merit order list of the balancing energy sources from replacement reserve

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 141. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall develop a merit order list and shall activate the balancing energy sources from replacement reserve according to this list, taking into account the technological criteria related to the security of the supply and the sustainability and safety of the power system, in accordance with the rules under art. 83 paragraph 1 item 4 of the Energy Act.

(2) The merit order list shall contain bids for balancing submitted by the providers registered under art. 110.

(3) The ordering of the balancing energy sources, when compiling the merit order list for compensation of generation capacity shortage in the power system, shall be in ascending order of the price of the energy supplied by them.

(4) The ordering of the balancing energy sources, when compiling the merit order list for compensation of generation capacity surplus in the power system, shall be in descending order of the price of the energy offered by them.

(5) In case of bids with equal prices, priority shall be given to the bids received earlier.

Section X

(Previous Section X – SG/110 of 2021, effective from 24.12.2021, previous Section IX, SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Dynamic parameters

Art. 142. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The balancing service providers shall be obliged to submit to the operator dynamic parameters, representing aggregated data and characteristics from the separate dispatchable sites related to their capability to change the power output.

Art. 143. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The dynamic parameters shall be submitted by the balancing energy providers in a summarized form according to a template approved by the independent transmission operator.

(2) In case of changing the dynamic parameters, the balancing service providers shall inform the independent transmission operator in a timely manner.

(3) The balancing service providers shall send the information under paragraph 1 to the independent transmission operator via e-mail, fax or other approved means of communication.

Art. 144. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The dynamic parameters shall include at least the following information:

1. velocity of power step up, MW/min;
2. velocity of power drop, MW/min;
3. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) highest possible quantity for delivery, MWh;
4. (amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) delivery period of the quantity under item 3, in hours and minutes;
5. (amended and suppl. – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) activation time of bid for downward regulation, min;
6. (amended and suppl. – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) activation time of bid for upward regulation, min;
7. time for execution of an order for change of power, given by the dispatcher on duty, as of the moment of receipt till the moment of beginning of the change, min;
8. minimal step for power change, MW.

Section XI

**(Previous Section XI – SG/110 of 2021, effective from
24.12.2021, previous Section X, SG/76 of 2022, effective from
1.10.2022)**

Provision and registration form of balancing bids from

replacement reserve

Art. 145. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Registered balancing service providers from replacement reserve shall submit bids for upward balancing and bids for downward balancing for the deviation from the generation/consumption schedules for each separate dispatchable site, in a form set by the independent transmission operator.

(2) Bids for reduction of generation and for increase of consumption shall contain the deviation of the active power from the generation/consumption schedule, the dispatch periods and the bid price.

(3) Bids for increase of generation and for reduction of consumption shall contain the deviation of the active power from generation/consumption schedule, the dispatch periods and the bid price.

(4) Bids for upward balancing and bids for downward balancing shall be submitted by the balancing service providers within the terms according to the instruction and the data exchange schedule under art. 77 paragraph 1 and shall refer to the separate dispatch periods in the day of delivery.

Art. 146. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The duration of a bid shall be equal to 15 minutes, and the provider shall be obliged to submit bids for at least sixteen consequent dispatch periods (block).

(2) The start and end moments of each bid shall match to 15 minutes.

Art. 147. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The minimum bid submitted by a dispatchable site of a provider of balancing energy from replacement reserves should be at least 1 MW. The step of the bid submitted by a provider of balancing energy from replacement reserves should be at least 1 MW.

(2) The provider may submit bids for upward or downward balancing only within the operational range of the dispatchable site.

Art. 148. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A balancing service provider may submit - for any of his dispatchable sites - one bid for upward balancing and one bid for downward balancing for a block of sixteen dispatching periods.

(2) Each block of sixteen dispatching periods shall start every hour.

(3) The price of the bid for balancing shall be valid for the total block.

Art. 149. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 1.07.2020, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) Registered bids for balancing cannot be withdrawn.

(2) Price and quantities of activated bids shall be determined as follows:

1. the provider sells to the independent transmission operator the quantity of electricity produced on order from the managing systems of the independent transmission operator at the highest price of an upward balancing bid activated in this dispatching period;

2. the provider purchases from the independent transmission operator the quantity of electricity not produced as ordered by the managing systems of the independent transmission operator at the lowest price of a downward balancing offer activated in that dispatching period.

Section XII

(Previous Section XII – SG/110 of 2021, effective from 24.12.2021, previous Section XI, SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

**Activation of balancing bids from replacement reserve
(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)**

Art. 150. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The managing systems of the independent transmission operator shall activate bids for balancing, in order to maintain the required reserve for frequency restoration and/or the power system capacity balance.

(2) The managing systems of the independent transmission operator may activate both bids for upward or downward balancing, in order to prepare the generation capacities to ensure additional rotation reserve or in order to overcome curtailments in the system.

(3) At activation of balancing bids, the managing systems of the independent transmission operator may change the operational capacity of a site within these bids.

Art. 151. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The balancing bid shall be activated via telephone or other communication tools approved by the independent transmission operator.

(2) The operational activation of a balancing bid and the subsequent instructions within their duration shall be documented in a registration table containing the instructed deviation from the generation/consumption schedule and the time of giving the instruction.

(3) The registered instructions shall be used in the process of settlement of the provider of balancing service from replacement reserve under the provisions of chapter ten.

Art. 152. (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The managing systems of the independent transmission operator shall activate a bid in accordance with the order of the bid in the merit order list of balancing energy sources.

(2) As an exception, the order under paragraph 1 may not be complied with depending on the specific conditions in the power system and the dynamic parameters of the relevant site.

(3) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall submit a monthly report to EWRC as an annex to the information under art. 194b regarding the reasons for activation of balancing energy under the procedure of para. 2 in the previous month.

Art. 153. (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Where a balancing service provider has activated a balancing bid and at the end of the dispatching period he has submitted a regulation bid for the period following the current dispatching period, but he hasn't received an order from the managing systems of the independent transmission operator for deactivation of its bid, it shall be considered that the managing systems of the independent transmission operator has activated that bid for the next period.

Art. 154. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Balancing service providers submitting balancing bids for a given day of delivery shall submit them in compliance with the instruction and schedule for exchange of information under art. 77 paragraph 1, developed and published by the independent transmission operator.

Chapter Ten

BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR IMBALANCES CALCULATION AND SETTLEMENT OF THE BALANCING GROUPS

Section I

General conditions

Art. 155. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The rules of imbalances calculation shall regulate the mechanism for calculation of the deviations between registered schedule, metered values of producers and consumers, electricity storage facility operators, physical exchanges between the respective networks, referred to balancing group coordinators and trading participants responsible for the imbalances of their sites.

(2) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall apply equal principles at determining the imbalances and the balancing energy prices toward all trading participants.

(3) (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The quantities under the registered schedule shall be quantities agreed between the trading participants, including the quantities registered for trading on the power exchange market and the quantities provided to the balancing energy and ancillary services market.

(4) (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Metered values shall be the values of producers, consumers, electricity storage facility operators and realised physical exchanges among

the relevant networks or neighbouring power systems that have been read and validated by the commercial metering devices owners.

(5) (Suppl. – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The imbalances shall be determined on the basis of aggregated metered values for production, consumption and physical exchanges referred to a coordinator of balancing group or trading participant, responsible for their sites' imbalances.

(6) (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The producers, the consumers and the electricity storage facility operators with dispatchable sites shall be responsible for the created “imbalance against dispatching order” and the compliance with the agreed quantities and the dispatching orders received by the systems of the independent transmission operator. The dispatching orders shall have priority before the agreed quantities.

(7) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The balancing service providers shall deliver or purchase the total energy to/from the independent transmission operator according to the orders issued by the systems of the independent transmission operator.

(8) At determining the imbalances, the unplanned exchanges with neighbouring control areas/blocks shall be taken into account.

(9) (New- SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The calculation and the allocation of the costs from imbalances shall be in compliance with the principles of allocation of the total imbalance between the separate balancing group members, provided for in the contracts under art. 11 item 9. The electricity producers, including the producers from renewable sources and highly efficient combined generation, shall pay costs for coverage of imbalances in the relevant balancing group of which they are members, only in case of a difference in the registered schedule and the actual generation. Where the producer does not submit a generation schedule, the coordinator of the relevant balancing group shall compile it on his behalf.

Art. 156. Imbalances shall be:

1. imbalance of a coordinator of balancing group determined on the basis of a net agreed position and net metered position;

2. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) imbalance of an electricity trader without physical sites, determined on the basis of net contracted positions;

3. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) imbalance against dispatching order, determined for each generation dispatchable block (plant) or dispatchable consumption site or a dispatchable electricity storage facility or aggregator, determined as the difference between the planned generation/consumption, according the net agreed position;

4. system imbalance, which shall be determined as the total aggregated imbalance of the power

system for each separate dispatching period.

Art. 157. In order to calculate imbalances, the independent transmission operator shall determine:

1. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) the net agreed position of each coordinator of balancing group, as a sum of all agreed supplies/purchases with/from other trading participants, including the transactions executed on the power exchange market and on the balancing energy and ancillary services market;

2. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) the net contracted position of an electricity trader without physical sites as the sum of all contracted purchases/sales from/to other trading participants, including transactions concluded on the exchange market;

3. (new – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) the net metered position of each coordinator of balancing group, as a sum of all metered approved values at the metering points and the energy exchange points;

4. (previous item 3 – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) the unplanned exchanges.

Art. 158. (1) The agreed position shall be all supplies or purchases of electricity according to the last registered schedules and dispatching orders (ordered imbalance) of a coordinator of balancing group.

(2) The agreed position shall include the following exchanges registered by the independent transmission operator:

1. exchange schedules between coordinators of balancing groups within the power system of Bulgaria;

2. export/import agreed by a balancing group coordinator;

3. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) energy supply for the independent transmission operator from dispatched producer/consumer/ electricity storage facility as a result of upward regulation during participation in automatic frequency restoration reserve (aFRR) and/or manual frequency restoration reserve (mFRR) or in the balancing energy market with a balancing energy bid;

4. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) purchase of energy by the independent transmission operator from dispatched producer/consumer/ electricity storage facility as a result of downward regulation, during participation in automatic frequency restoration reserve (aFRR) and/or manual frequency restoration reserve (mFRR) or in the balancing energy market with a downward regulation bid.

(3) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The net agreed position NAP_{sb} of a coordinator of balancing group b , for each settlement period s , shall be determined under the following formula:

$$HДП_{sb} = (\sum KEД_{зак(sb)} - \sum KEД_{np(sb)}) + (\sum ДЕВ_{sb} - \sum ДЕИ_{sb}) + (\sum КЕОП_{зак(sb)} - \sum КЕОП_{np(sb)}) + КЕРП_{sb} - КЕРЗ_{sb},$$

where:

$KEД_{зак}(sb)$, respectively $KEД_{np}(sb)$, is the agreed energy for purchase, respectively for sale, from/to another coordinator of balancing group for settlement period s ;

$ДЕВ_{sb}$, respectively $ДЕИ_{sb}$, is the agreed energy for import, respectively for export, according external schedule for settlement period s ;

$КЕОП_{зак}(sb)$, respectively $КЕОП_{np}(sb)$, is the quantity of energy determined for purchase, respectively for sale, on the power exchange market for settlement period s ;

$КЕРП_{sb}$ is the quantity of energy from ordered bids for upward regulation of ДБУ for settlement period s in the balancing market;

$КЕРЗ_{sb}$ is the quantity of energy from ordered bids for downward regulation of ДБУ for settlement period s in the relevant balancing group.

Art. 159. (1) (Suppl. – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The net agreed position shall be determined for each coordinator of balancing group or trading participant who is solely responsible for its imbalances for each separate settlement period s and shall be the last validated and registered by the electricity system operator quantity for the relevant settlement period s , determined under art. 158 paragraph 3.

(2) The net agreed position shall be in *MWh*.

Art. 160. (Suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The net metered position shall be delivery metered at the connection point of a producer or consumer or an electricity storage facility, the point of energy exchange between one network and other network or approved standard load profile for one or a group of consumers, or approved coefficient representing technological losses, as appropriate.

Art. 161. Net metered position shall refer to:

1. (suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) net generation metered by a commercial electricity metering device of a generation block or plant or an electricity storage facility, which was injected in the network;

2. (suppl. – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) net consumption metered by a commercial electricity metering device of a consumer or an electricity storage facility, which was consumed

from the network;

3. net exchange between networks of two different operators;
4. export, metered by a commercial electricity metering device, to other power system;
5. import, metered by a commercial electricity metering device, from other power system;
6. technological losses.

Art. 162. (1) All metered values under art. 161 items 1 and 5 shall be positive values.

(2) All metered values under art. 161 item 3, in case of a delivery from other networks, shall be positive values.

(3) All metered values under art. 161 items 2, 4 and 6 shall be negative values.

(4) All metered values under art. 161 item 3, in case of a delivery to other networks, shall be negative values.

Art. 163. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) (1) The net metered position for a coordinator of balancing group who is not a network operator, shall be determined as the difference between the aggregated net generation of producers and electricity storage facility operators, for whom balancing responsibility is taken and the aggregated net consumption of consumers and electricity storage facility operators, for whom balancing responsibility is taken.

(2) The net metered position for a coordinator of balancing group who is network operator and who is responsible for the coverage of the technological losses in the relevant network, shall be determined with a view to:

1. technological losses in the relevant network, determined according art. 92;
2. physical deliveries to other networks, including export;
3. physical deliveries from other networks, including import;
4. net generation of the producers and electricity storage facility operators connected to the relevant network;
5. net consumption of the consumers and electricity storage facility operators connected to the relevant network.

Art. 164. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The net imbalance of a balancing group coordinator not being the network operator, shall be the difference between the net agreed position determined under art. 158 paragraph 3 and the net metered position determined under art. 163 paragraph 1.

Art. 165. (Repealed – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025).

Art. 166. (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) (1) The system imbalance shall be the total imbalance of the power system of the Republic of Bulgaria for each settlement period.

(2) The system imbalance is determined for each settlement period according to the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11 of the Energy Act.

Art. 167. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The unplanned exchanges (*Exchnage*) shall be the deviations from the registered by the independent transmission operator quantities for import and export according the external schedules and the actual physical exchanges for each dispatching period and shall be determined under the formula:

$$E_{\text{обмен}}(s) = (\sum I_{3H_{\text{план}}}(s) - \sum I_{3H_{\text{реал}}}(s)) - (\sum B_{H_{\text{реал}}}(s) - \sum B_{H_{\text{план}}}(s)),$$

where:

$\sum I_{3H_{\text{план}}}(s)$, respectively $\sum B_{H_{\text{план}}}(s)$, are the planned export, import respectively;

$\sum I_{3H_{\text{реал}}}(s)$, respectively $\sum B_{H_{\text{реал}}}(s)$, are the realised export, import respectively.

(2) The unplanned exchanges shall be referred to the imbalances of the independent transmission operator as a coordinator of special balancing group.

Section II

Settlement rules

Art. 168. The settlement rules shall regulate the principles for calculation of the liabilities under the following transactions:

1. transactions executed on the power exchange market;
2. transactions executed on the balancing energy market with balancing service providers;
3. (suppl. – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) transactions for sale and purchase of balancing energy with the coordinators of balancing groups or participants who are individually responsible for their imbalances, in order to compensate the created imbalances;
4. transactions with suppliers of ancillary services;
5. (amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) transactions for purchase of availability for participation in frequency containment, frequency restoration with automatic activation and

frequency restoration with manual activation and exchange capacities;

6. transactions for purchase of energy for coverage of the technological losses in the networks.

Art. 169. In order to ensure open and non-discriminatory settlement process, the independent transmission operator shall:

1. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) establish and keep energy accounts for each coordinator of balancing group and for each balancing service provider;

2. require provision of guarantee securities;

3. determine prices of balancing energy for energy shortage and energy surplus, for each settlement period;

4. perform preliminary settlement on a weekly basis and final physical and financial settlement on a monthly basis;

5. calculate the imbalances of the separate balancing groups and of the balancing energy actually provided from the balancing service providers;

6. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) re-allocate additional costs or incomes as a result of the implemented settlement processes according to these rules;

7. implement control in respect to the implementation of the financial liabilities and shall impose measures at non-compliance.

Art. 169a. (New – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, suppl., SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) In order to ensure open and non-discriminatory settlement process and risk management at the power exchange market, the power exchange market operator shall:

1. require provision of guarantee securities;

2. (Amended – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) publish prices for each separate market segment for a given period and market area;

3. (amended and suppl. – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) perform settlement and shall determine the liabilities and the receivables of the participants in the power exchange market for each separate market segment and delivery period;

4. shall implement control in respect to the implementation of financial liabilities and shall impose measures at non-compliance.

Art. 170. (1) The energy accounts shall be:

1. (repealed, prev. item 2 – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/76 of 2022,

effective 1.10.2022) an energy account for each balancing service provider;

2. (prev. item 3 – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) an energy account for each balancing group coordinator.

(2) The metered generation, registered schedules for purchase of energy and the participation in the balancing energy market or the ancillary services market through purchase of energy at downward regulation shall be referred to the credit of an energy account under paragraph 1 item 3.

(3) The metered consumption, registered schedules for sale of energy and the participation in the balancing energy market or the ancillary services market through sale of energy at upward regulation shall be referred to the debit of an energy account under paragraph 1 item 3.

(4) The independent transmission operator shall develop templates of:

1. excerpts for settlement of the transactions according art. 168 items 2 and 3;

2. (repealed, prev. item 3 – SG/39 of 2014) excerpts for provided capacity reserves under art. 168 item 5;

3. (prev. item 4 – SG/ 39 of 2014) excerpts for provided other ancillary services under art. 168 item 4.

(5) (New- SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

(6) (Previous paragraph 5 – SG/ 39 of 2014) The excerpts under paragraph 4 shall be integral part of the invoices issued under section V.

Art. 171. (Amended and suppl. – SG/ 39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) (1) The independent transmission operator shall be entitled to require guarantee securities for the transactions under art. 168 items 1, 2, 3 and 4.

(2) (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) The independent transmission operator shall develop a procedure to determine the amount and the types of guarantee securities under paragraph 1, submission deadlines, update and the effects from non-fulfilment, which shall be public and accessible for the stakeholders.

(3) The guarantee security from the participants in the power exchange market shall be determined according to the operational rules of the power exchange market.

(4) (New – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) EWRC may provide mandatory instructions for amending and supplementing the procedure under para. 2

Section III

(Repealed – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective from 20.11.2015)

Rules for transaction settlement on the power exchange market

Art. 172. (Amended – SG/ 39 of 2014, repealed, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Art. 173. (Repealed – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015).

Section IV Rules for imbalance settlement of the balancing group coordinators

Art. 174. (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall determine the imbalances of the coordinators of balancing groups for each settlement period, after receipt of confirmed metered values from the owners of the commercial electricity metering devices according chapter seven.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The independent transmission operator shall compile for each calendar day, for each coordinator of balancing group, daily excerpt for settlement of imbalances for each settlement period and shall determine the net value of the daily settlement.

(3) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The quantity of energy from metered imbalance ($KEIH$) shall be determined under the following formula:

$$KEIH_{sb} = \sum KE\Delta_{sb} + \sum KEH_{sb},$$

where:

$KE\Delta_{sb}$ is the quantity of energy according to the registered net exchange schedules of a coordinator of balancing group b , for settlement *period* s , stated under the provision of chapter six;

$KEAH_{sb}$ is the quantity of energy from activated upward and downward regulation bids according to the delivery schedule according to dispatch instructions for a settlement period s ;

KEH_{sb} - the metered quantity of energy of all sites in balancing group b .

(4) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The quantity of energy from activated imbalance for upward and downward regulation according to the delivery schedule according to dispatch instructions ($KEAH$) shall be determined under formula:

$$KEAH_{sb} = \sum KEACP_{sb} + \sum KEABP_{sb}^{+} + \sum KEABP_{sb}^{-} + \sum KEP\pi_{sb}^{+} + \sum KEP3_{sb}^{-}$$

where:

$\sum KEABP_{sb}^{+}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually increased their generation and/or decreased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated frequency restoration reserve with automatic activation and exchange capacities upward;

$\sum KEABP_{sb}^{-}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually decreased their generation and/or increased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated frequency restoration reserve with automatic activation and exchange capacities downward;

$\sum KEPBP_{sb}^{+}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually increased their generation and/or decreased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated frequency restoration reserve with manual activation and exchange capacities upward;

$\sum KEPBP_{sb}^{-}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually decreased their generation and/or increased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated frequency restoration reserve with manual activation and exchange capacities downward;

$\sum KEP3_{sb}^{+}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually increased their generation and/or decreased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated energy from replacement reserve.

$\sum KEP3_{sb}^{-}$ is the total quantity of energy with which the sites of a balancing group b has actually decreased their generation and/or increased their consumption for settlement interval s as a result of activated energy from replacement reserve.

(5) The quantity of energy from net imbalance ($KEHH$) for the balancing group b shall be determined under the formula:

$$KEHH_{sb} = KE\pi H_{sb} - KEAH_{sb}$$

(6) Depending on the value of the calculated net imbalance, the following marking shall be used:

1. when $KEHH_{sb} > 0$, is marked by $KEHH+sb$;

2. when $KEHH_{sb} < 0$, is marked by $KEHH_{-sb}$;

3. when $KEHH_{ss} = 0$, is marked by $KEHH_{0sb}$.

(7) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The net value of the daily settlement ($HCDC_b$) of a trading participant of group b shall be determined under the formula:

$$HCDC_b = KEHH_{sb}^{+} \cdot \Pi EI_s - KEHH_{sb}^{-} \cdot \Pi EI_s$$

Art. 175. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall compile, separately for each calendar day, for each balancing service provider reports on energy provided from participation in regulation for each settlement period and determines the net value of the daily settlement.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The net value of the daily settlement of a balancing service provider ($HCDC_{BYb}$) shall be determined according to the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11 of the Energy Act.

Art. 176. (Amended and suppl. – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, repealed, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022)

Art. 177. (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall compile, separately for each coordinator of balancing group, monthly excerpt for settlement of imbalances, till the 10th day of the month following the month of reading, which shall include the aggregated values from the daily settlement for the period. The monthly excerpt shall contain at least the following information:

1. date of compilation, period, ID number of the coordinator of the balancing group;
2. aggregated energy surplus for the period;
3. aggregated energy shortage for the period;
4. net monthly imbalance;
5. total value of the liabilities of a coordinator of balancing group;
6. total value of the receivables of a coordinator of balancing group.

(2) The daily excerpt for settlement shall be compiled on a weekly basis, till Thursday for the days from Monday to Sunday inclusive, for the preceding calendar week.

(3) (Amended – SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021) In case of lack of data necessary for

the compilation of the daily excerpt for settlement within the deadline under paragraph 2, not by fault of the independent transmission operator, the excerpt shall be issued within 3 working days as of the moment of receipt of the data.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case of lack of data till the 3rd day of the month following the reading, the owners of the electricity metering devices shall be obliged to send replacing data according the procedures in the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act and these trading rules.

(5) The sending of the daily and monthly excerpts shall be through means approved by the independent transmission operator.

(6) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The coordinators of balancing groups shall be entitled to appeal the data in the excerpts within two months as of their receipt.

Section V

Invoicing of balancing energy

Art. 178. (1) (Amended – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator and the coordinators of balancing groups shall issue invoices on the basis of monthly excerpt for settlement under art. 175, for the quantity of balancing energy that they have sold for the relevant metering period.

(2) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) All invoices shall be issued on the last day of the calendar month for which they refer and shall be submitted to the trading participants till the 10th day of the following month.

(3) The deadline for payment of liabilities of the coordinators of balancing groups to the independent transmission operator shall be the 15th day of the month following the month of reading.

(4) The deadline for payment of liabilities of the independent transmission operator to the coordinators of balancing groups shall be the 20th day of the month following the month of reading.

(5) (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The trading participants shall make interim payments in accordance with the instructions under art. 184, para. 1

Section VI

Imbalances settlement rules of balancing energy and ancillary services suppliers

(Title amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective from 1.10.2022)

Art. 179. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall calculate, for each balancing

service provider and ancillary services, the quantity of balancing services actually delivered for each dispatching period, after receipt of the confirmed metered net values of the dispatchable generation and consumption sites and electricity storage facilities.

(2) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The actually delivered /purchased balancing services by the balancing service providers as a result of activated bid for balancing shall be determined according to the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11 of the Energy Act.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall calculate, for each dispatching period, the difference between the ordered imbalance (KEPH) and the quantity of balancing energy actually delivered as a result of activated downward bid (KEA3) or activated upward bid (KEAII).

(4) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The independent transmission operator shall pay/receive payment to/from balancing service providers for the total quantity of balancing services activated according to the orders issued by the dispatcher of the independent transmission operator.

(5) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) The settlement excerpts of balancing service providers shall be issued within the deadlines under art. 177.

Section VII

Appeals and recapitulation

Art. 180. (1) (Amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) Would a settlement excerpt be appealed within the deadlines under art. 177 paragraph 6 by a balancing group coordinator, balancing service provider or participant in the power exchange market, the independent transmission operator shall verify the information within two working days, and:

1. shall accept the appeal and shall issue new excerpts for settlement which will be send and confirmed within two working days as of the receipt of the notification for appeal;

2. shall not accept the appeal and shall inform the appealing party within two working days as of the receipt of the notification for appeal.

(2) In case the dispute under paragraph 1 is not settled as of the date of the invoices' issuance, the invoices shall be issued based on the appealed excerpt.

Art. 181. (1) After the dispute on a settlement excerpt has been resolved, the independent transmission operator shall issue new settlement excerpts.

(2) In case the tax basis, at which the invoice has been issued has changed after the dispute was settled, debit or credit notice shall be issued accordingly.

(3) The liabilities under the issued tax debit or credit notices shall be paid within the deadlines under art. 178 paragraphs 3 and 4.

Art. 182. (1) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) Recapitulation shall be made at retrospective change of the settlement data only for sites under art. 86 paragraph 1, resulting from data incorrect metering, processing and validation by the owners of the electricity metering devices, errors in transmitting the information to the independent transmission operator, malfunction of the commercial metering devices, technical errors in the settlement or amendments in the legislation.

(2) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The recapitulation under paragraph 1 shall be for a period not longer than two months, preceding the date of establishment of the change in the settlement data, only in respect to the concerned sites.

(3) The independent transmission operator shall not change the balancing energy prices, determined for the period under paragraph 2, during the recapitulation under para. 1.

Art. 183a. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) A recapitulation should be carried out when the settlement data changes in cases where they have not been received in full by neighbouring transmission system operators, the European auction house and the European balancing platforms within the period under art. 177, para. 1.

(2) (Amended – SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The recapitulation under para. 1 shall be carried out for a period not exceeding two months preceding the date of receipt of the data participating in the pricing process according to the methodology under art. 21, para. 1, item 11 of the Energy Act.

(3) When carrying out the recapitulation under paragraph 1, the independent transmission operator shall determine new prices for the balancing energy and issue a new monthly statement for settlement to the trading participants.

(4) Payments under para. 3 shall be made within the terms under art. 178 on the basis of a tax debit or credit notice.

Art. 183. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, suppl., SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Metering, validation and sending of data from the electricity metering devices, ownership of the distribution and closed distribution systems, shall be in accordance with the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act.

Section VIII

Guaranteeing the balancing energy transactions

Art. 184. (1) (Suppl. – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) Balancing group coordinators and electricity traders without physical sites shall provide a guarantee security in favour of the operator for the transactions executed by them on the balancing energy market. The independent transmission operator shall not require security for the group of the power exchange market operator. The amount and the update of the guarantee security shall be determined by an instruction of the

independent transmission operator.

(2) The security under paragraph 1 shall be unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee, opened in favour of the operator, according approved by the operator template, with validity of one year or cash deposit on the account of the operator.

(3) (Repealed – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020).

(4) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) In case a person under paragraph 1 does not pay a liability to the operator within the deadline under art. 178 paragraph 3, the operator shall be entitled to encash, via written request to the bank, the outstanding amount and the interest on it from the provided guarantee security.

(5) (New- SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The Energy and Water Regulatory Commission may issue obligatory instructions to amend and supplement the instruction under paragraph 1.

Art. 185. (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 186. (Repealed – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 187. (Suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 188. (Suppl. – SG/39 of 2014, amended, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, repealed, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017).

Art. 189. (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015) The independent transmission operator shall send written notification for the amount of the updated guarantee security to the coordinator of the balancing group who shall be obliged to update the amount within 2 working days.

Section IX

Conditions for guarantee securities utilisation

Art. 190. (1) (Amended – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case a coordinator of balancing group fails to pay a liability invoiced under art. 178 paragraph 1 within the deadline, the independent transmission operator shall send request for encashment of the outstanding amount from the bank guarantee or shall encash the outstanding amount from the provided deposit.

(2) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Balancing group coordinators shall be obliged to recover the funds under the guarantee securities within two working days as of the notification by the independent transmission operator for sent request for encashment of guarantee.

Chapter eleven

ELECTRICITY MARKET MONITORING

Section I

Market monitoring objectives

Art. 191. (1) (Amended – SG/ 100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Market monitoring shall be performed by the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission, the independent transmission operator and the power exchange market operator.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The coordinators of standard and special balancing group shall provide to EWRC regular information, as follows:

1. Data regarding the balancing group members, including headquarters, management address, contact person, EIC, registration code on balancing market, etc. (for household consumers only summarised information shall be provided).

2. Quantities of traded electricity between the members of the balancing group.

3. Prices at which the electricity is traded between the members of the balancing group.

4. Quantities and prices for allocation of imbalances within the balancing group.

5. Other information needed for monitoring purposes.

(3) The aim of the monitoring is to determine (assess):

1. market structure and operation;

2. market effectiveness;

3. presence of misuse of market power;

4. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) necessity to amend these rules and the market structure, arisen in the process of electricity market operation;

5. necessity to amend the procedures of the transmission system operator.

Section II

Information provided to EWRC by trading participants

Art. 192. (1) (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Trading participants shall provide to EWRC information and documents necessary for market monitoring, in accordance with

the indicated by EWRC scope, period and deadline on a case-by-case basis.

(2) (Suppl. – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) Information shall be provided both on paper and in electronic format.

(3) Trading participants cannot refuse provision of requested information by EWRC by referring to trade secret.

(4) In respect to the rights of EWRC in the process of electricity market monitoring, EWRC may require additional information from the trading participants, if necessary.

(5) (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The coordinators of balancing groups, through which producers under art. 69, para. 4 sell all or part of the electricity they produce on a regulated exchange market, shall submit to EWRC, monthly by the 10th of the month following the month to which it relates, a report on the electricity sold on a regulated exchange market by producers in a form approved by EWRC and published on its website.

(6) (Amended – SG/ 90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, previous para. 5, SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In case the provided information is false, incomplete, incorrect or is not provided within the specified deadline, EWRC shall be entitled to impose sanction to the trading participant according the provisions of the Energy Act.

Art. 192a. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Trading participants shall keep all correspondence with the exchange operator and with other trading participants in connection with participation in the exchange market for the purchase and sale of electricity and shall, upon request, provide the same to EWRC pursuant to art. 192.

Section III

Information provided by the independent transmission operator

(Title amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective from 31.08.2018)

Art. 193. The operator shall prepare, keep and regularly publish general and specialised information on the market activity, the transactions at freely negotiated prices and the energy traded on the balancing market.

Art. 194. The operator shall establish and keep electronic registers and archive of:

1. trading participants;
2. coordinators of balancing groups;
3. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) balancing service providers;

4. submitted and registered supply schedules;
5. refused or withdrawn supply schedules;
6. quantities of electricity traded through contracts at freely negotiated prices;
7. physical data and characteristics of the sites of the trading participants;
8. submitted, refused and accepted bids and offers on the balancing energy market;
9. orders of the operator for activation of bids and applications;
10. orders for termination of market activity upon emergency situations;
11. data from the commercial electricity metering devices of the trading participants;
12. data from the settlement excerpts;
13. data for the due guarantee securities by the trading participants;
14. cash flows between the operator, on one side, and the coordinators of balancing groups and balancing energy suppliers, on other side.

Art. 194a. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) (1) The independent transmission operator shall make public the following information immediately upon receipt:

1. Information about the current system balance.
2. Information on all bids for balancing, without specifying names and companies. The information shall include:
 - a) type of product;
 - b) period of validity;
 - c) quantities offered;
 - d) prices offered.
3. Aggregated information from bids for balancing. The information shall include:
 - a) total volume of electricity from bids for balancing;
 - b) total volume of electricity from bids for balancing, by individual types of regulation/reserve;
 - c) total volume of activated electrical energy from bids for balancing;
 - d) total volume of activated electrical energy from bids for balancing, by individual types of regulation/reserve.
4. Prices paid by the independent transmission operator by type of balancing reserves delivered and by delivery period.
5. Prices paid by the independent transmission operator for activated balancing energy per settlement period and by type of reserve. Information is provided separately for positive and negative direction of regulation.
6. Prices and total imbalance volume for a single balancing period.

(2) The information under paragraph 1 shall be published no later than 1 hour after the end of the relevant settlement period.

Art. 194b. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) The independent transmission operator shall provide EWRC, by the 25th of the month, with information regarding the financial balance of the control area for the previous month, indicating:

1. costs incurred by the independent transmission operator for providing reserves, including the amount of available capacities and unit prices for each balancing service provider;

2. costs incurred by the independent transmission operator for activating balancing energy from upward regulation;

3. revenues received by the independent transmission operator from the activation of balancing energy for downward regulation;

4. revenues received by the independent transmission operator from the coordinators of balancing groups and trading participants directly responsible for the realized imbalances towards the independent transmission operator;

5. costs incurred by the independent transmission operator to the coordinators of balancing groups and trading participants directly responsible for the realized imbalances to the independent transmission operator.

Art. 195. The operator shall provide public information for the market activity, containing:

1. (amended – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) up-to-date register of balancing group coordinators and balancing service providers;

2. total quantity of electricity traded at freely negotiated prices on a daily and monthly basis;

3. quantities of electricity sold to end consumer;

4. prices of balancing energy for the separate settlement periods;

5. (new – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) final data for each settlement period at the end of the week for the previous week, regarding the status of the system in each settlement period.

Art. 195a. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The operator shall submit to EWRC, monthly by the 15th day of the month following the reporting month, a report including schedules of producers for each settlement period, other than participants in the subgroups under art. 56c, paras. 3, 4 and 5, the realized imbalances of these subgroups and the balancing group to which they belong.

Art. 195b. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended, SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021, SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) The operator shall submit to EWRC a monthly report by the 15th day of the month following the reporting month, including schedules by settlement period of the producers other than participants in the subgroups under art. 56c, paras. 3, 4 and 5, the realized imbalances of these subgroups and the balancing group to which they belong.

Art. 196. The operator shall provide to each trading participant access to information related to his participation in the market within deadlines and content as follows:

1. registered delivery schedules - till 06.00 p.m. on the day preceding the day of delivery;
2. registered bids and applications - till 06.00 p.m. on the day preceding the date to which they refer;
3. orders in relation to activation of bids and applications of the trading participant - till 06.00 p.m. on the second working day after the dispatching date;
4. daily excerpts for settlement for the days from Monday to Sunday inclusive - within 3 working days after the end of the week, and in case of lack of data - not by fault of the operator - the deadline shall start as of the moment of receipt of the data, but not later than 3 days after the end of the month of reading;
5. aggregated excerpts for settlement - within 5 days after the end of the calendar month.

SECTION IIIa
(New – SG/100 of 2017, effective from 15.12.2017)
Information provided by the power exchange market
operator
(Title amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective from 31.08.2018)

Art. 196a. (New – SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) (1) The operator shall compile, keep and regularly publish general information on the operation of the power exchange market and shall publish basic market data.

(2) The operator shall compile and keep information for:

1. trading participants;
2. quantities of traded electricity;
3. reference prices.

(3) The operator shall provide public information for the market activity, containing:

1. list of the registered participants in the power exchange market;
2. quantities of traded electricity in the separate market segments;
3. reference prices of the traded quantities of electricity in the separate market segments.

Art. 196b. (New – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, amended and suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The operator shall submit to EWRC, monthly by the 10th day of the month following the month to which it relates, a report including proposed and realized quantities of electricity for each settlement period by the coordinators of balancing groups through which producers under art. 69, para. 4 sell all or part of the electricity produced by them on an organized exchange market.

Art. 196c. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The operator shall keep all correspondence with trading participants in connection with participation in the electricity exchange market and shall provide the same to EWRC upon request.

Section IV

Analysis and assessment of electricity market efficiency

Art. 197. On the basis of the information under sections two, three and five, EWRC shall analyse the market efficiency and the free competition.

Art. 198. A trading participant with a significant influence on the market shall be a participant who solely or together with other participants has a position that is equal to master's position, i.e. a position of economic power allowing him independent behaviour from competitors, consumers and end consumers.

Art. 199. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Effective competition is reached when none of the trading participants, solely or together with other trading participants, does not have significant influence on the liberalised market.

Art. 200. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) During the analysis, EWRC shall determine the market share of each participant active on the liberalised market.

(2) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The market share of each trading participant on the free market shall be calculated on the basis of some of the following indicators:

1. net incomes from electricity sale;
2. quantity of electricity sold to traders and to end consumers;
3. number of consumers;
4. other applicable indicators, depending on the specifics of the relevant market in accordance with the legislation for competition protection.

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) Main indicator to determine the market share on the free market shall be the quantity of electricity sold to traders and end consumers.

(4) Depending on the specifics of the market, EWRC may use other indicators, on the basis of which to determine the market shares. The need of additional indicators shall be reasoned in the

decision of EWRC for the results from the performed market analysis.

Art. 201. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) At the assessment of the market shares of the companies on the free market, the level of market concentration shall be also taken into account.

(2) The level of market concentration shall be calculated through the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) and the concentration ratio (CR).

(3) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index shall be determined under the formula:

$$I_{HH} = 10000 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

where:

X_i is the market share of the i -participant, in %;

n – the number of participants in the free market.

(4) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In accordance with the value of IHH, the liberalised market can be determined as:

1. normal competitive market with a low level of concentration – at values of IHH below 1000;

2. reasonable competitive market with an average level of concentration – at values of IHH from 1000 to 1800;

3. low competitive market with a high level of concentration – at values of IHH above 1800.

(5) The market concentration ratio shall be determined under the formula:

$$CR_m = \sum_{i=1}^m W_i,$$

where:

W_i is the market share of the i -participant, in %;

m – the number of participants with largest market share; usually $m = 1$ and $m = 3$.

(6) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) In accordance with the values of CR1 and CR3, the free market can be determined as:

1. value of CR1 > 20 % - has influence on the level of competition;
2. value of CR1 > 40 % - suggests master position on the market;
3. value of CR1 > 50 % - unconditionally is considered as indication for master position on the market;
4. value of CR3 equal to almost 0 % - ideal competition;
5. values of CR3 between 40% and 70% - averagely competitive market;
6. values of CR3 between 70% and 100% - low competitive market.

Section V

Market monitoring results

Art. 202. The operator shall develop and provide to EWRC regular reports on the monthly, quarterly and annual market activity and additional reports requested by EWRC containing information for:

1. trading participants on the market and traded quantities of electricity by them at freely negotiated prices;
2. total quantity of electricity traded at freely negotiated prices;
3. prices of balancing energy for surplus and for shortage - minimal, average and maximal;
4. settlement of the operator;
5. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) unauthorised activities on the market and non-compliance with these rules;
6. other information requested by EWRC.

Art. 203. Data shall be kept in data base of the operator for a period of 6 years.

Art. 204. (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) All data, except the public information, shall be considered confidential and shall be subject to protection in accordance art. 114 of the Energy Act.

Art. 205. EWRC shall issue annual monitoring report on the market activity, which shall

contain:

1. assessment of the structure and the operation of the monitored relevant markets;
2. assessment of the incorrect operation of the market and the possible reasons for this;
3. analysis of the reasons that led to incorrect operation of the markets, in case such is established, including misuse of market power, practices and actions which are controversial with the good trade practices and harm or may harm the interests of the competitors, as well as any other violations of the obligations of the trading participants under these rules;
4. proposals for measures for elimination of established violations arisen as a result of the operation of the electricity market or suggested by the trading participants;
6. (amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) proposals for amendments in the electricity trading rules and/or any other legislation related to them.

Art. 206. (1) (Amended – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) EWRC shall apply effective counter sanctions against the trading participants who violated the trading rules and/or shall notify other competent authorities.

(2) EWRC shall cooperate with other competent state authorities and other national regulation authorities.

Art. 207. (1) The operator shall publish officially monthly reports till the 15th day of the next month and an annual report on the market activity till 31.03 on its internet page.

(2) EWRC shall publish officially the annual monitoring report on the electricity market till 15th of July, on its internet page.

Art. 208. (New – SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, amended, SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) The Energy and Water Regulatory Commission shall exercise control for the compliance with these rules and the operational rules of the power exchange market.

Art. 209. (New – SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026) For issues not regulated in these rules, then the Energy Act, the Renewable Energy Act, the secondary legislation for their implementation and the current civil legislation shall apply.

SUPPLEMENT PROVISION

§ 1. (Amended – SG/39 of 2014, SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015, SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017) Within the meaning of these rules:

1. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) "Aggregator of a group of sites" is a company trading or producing electricity, holding a license, supplemented by the rights and obligations of a balancing group coordinator, whose group includes producer sites, consumer sites or electricity storage facilities, registered as direct members.

1a. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) "Balancing services" are balancing energy and/or balancing power.

1b. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) "Balancing energy" is the energy used by the transmission system operator to perform balancing and supplied by a balancing service provider.

1c. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) "Balancing capacity" is a certain reserve capacity that a balancing service provider has agreed to maintain and in respect of which it has agreed to submit bids for a corresponding volume of balancing energy to the transmission system operator for the term of the contract.

2. (Previous item 1 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) "Power exchange market" is the set of all organised market segments operated and administered by the power exchange operator, on which transactions with electricity with physical delivery are executed.

3. (Previous item 2 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) "Virtual electricity metering device" - calculated aggregated values of the consumed and fed-out active power from the metering points of one or several sites of a registered trading participant in the electricity market, determined in accordance with the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act.

3. (Previous item 3 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) "Group of the power exchange market operator" is a group of the power exchange market operator for the purposes of notification of the transactions executed on the power exchange market to the independent transmission operator, which does not create imbalances.

4a. (New – SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) "Balancing service provider" is a trading participant that provides reserve availability and is able - when activated as a result of restoration reserves with manual or automatic activation or replacement reserves - to provide balancing energy to the independent transmission operator.

5. (Previous item 4 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) "Explicit and implicit auctions" are market based methods for congestion management applied in order to facilitate efficient cross-border trade. Through the explicit auctions, only capacity is allocated, and through the implicit auctions - capacity and energy are allocated. Both methods may coexist on the same interconnection.

5a. (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023, suppl., SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025) "Closed electricity distribution network" is a network that serves for electricity distribution on the territory of an industrial park or a geographically separate industrial site, when the activities or production process of the users of that network are integrated for certain technical reasons or for reasons related to safety, or when the distribution of electricity is carried out mainly for the owner, the network operator or for enterprises related to them on the territory of the industrial park or a geographically separate industrial site, as well as a network that serves for electricity distribution between energy sites with integrated activity.

6. (Previous item 5 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, repealed, SG/52 of 2025, effective

1.07.2025).

7. (Previous item 6 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Multi-regional coupling project – MRC” is a project for coupling of the national electricity markets on the basis of the European target model (Single Price Market Coupling for DAM) with implicit allocation of the cross-border transmission capacity.

8. (Previous item 7 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) “Network services” shall be the access to the electricity transmission network, transmission of electricity through the electricity transmission network, access to the electricity distribution networks and transmission of electricity through the electricity distribution networks, access to a closed electricity distribution network and transmission of electricity through a closed electricity distribution network and other services on the networks specified in a regulatory act.

9. (Previous item 8 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Indirect member of balancing group” is a site of a trading participant, for which schedules shall not be notified separately to the independent transmission operator. For such a site, the participant would transfer its balancing responsibility to a balancing group coordinator by a balancing contract with balancing group coordinator. If the site is a property of an end customer, it shall mean that the customer has concluded a contract for that site only with one supplier and has transferred the balancing responsibility to this supplier in its capacity of a balancing group coordinator.

10. (Previous item 9 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Site” is any separate, in respect to the electricity metering, electricity installation of a trading participant.

11. (Previous item 10 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Power exchange market operator” is a company that holds a licence for organisation of power exchange market pursuant to art. 39 paragraph 1 item 6 EA.

11a. (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) "Closed electricity distribution system operator" is a person who distributes electricity through a closed electricity distribution network and is responsible for the operation of this network, its maintenance, its development in a given territory and its interconnections with other networks, as well as for ensuring in the long term the ability of the network to meet reasonable demands for electricity distribution.

11b. (New – SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) "Electricity storage facility operator" means a natural or legal person who performs a storage function and who is responsible for the operation of the electrical energy storage facility.

12. (Previous item 11 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Market segments operated and administered by the power exchange market operator” shall be day ahead market (DAM), centralised market for purchase and sale of electricity through bilateral contracts, intraday market (IDM) and any other organized market within the scope of the license for power exchange market organisation pursuant to art. 39 paragraph 1 point 6 of EA.

13. (Previous item 12 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Dispatching period” is an interval of time equal to 15 minutes.

14. (Previous item 13 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) “Period of settlement” is an interval of time equal to 15 minutes or an interval of time set in an instruction of the independent transmission operator.

15. (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018, previous item 14, suppl., SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) „Direct member of a balancing group” is a site of a trading participant for which contract can be concluded with more than one supplier/consumer, but the balancing responsibility is transferred to only one of them, registered as a coordinator of balancing group. The trading participant shall be entitled to assign to the coordinator to notify the exchange schedules for this site or to independently send notifications after received identification code from the independent transmission operator.

In cases where direct members are in an aggregator group, the notification of trading schedules is done only by the aggregator.

16. (Previous item 15 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/76 of 2022, effective 1.10.2022) “Standardised load profile” is a series of ratios that reflects the allocation of the active power consumption by settlement periods for a type of site for a certain period of time. The sum of the ratios for the period is equal to one. The standardised load profile accounts for the type of the site, external temperature, characterises of the day from the period (working, non-working, holiday) and the season (summer, winter, transition).

17. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) “Electrical energy storage” means the postponement of the final use of electrical energy within the electricity system until a time later than the time of its production or conversion into a form of energy that can be stored, the storage of this energy and its subsequent conversion back into electrical energy or use in another energy carrier.

18. (New – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020, amended, SG/36 of 2023, effective 1.05.2023) “Electricity storage facility” means a facility within the electricity system in which energy is stored, with the exception of energy storage facilities for the own consumption of producers or end customers, which does not release the stored electrical energy into the electricity transmission or distribution network. Electrochemical electricity storage facilities are movable objects within the meaning of the Spatial Planning Act.

19. (Previous item 16 – SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020) “Price coupling of region – PCR” is an initiative of the seven largest power exchange market operators in Europe, aiming at the implementation - through common rules and procedures - of the European target model for common electricity market.

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§ 2. The Electricity Trading Rules are developed on the grounds of art.91 paragraph 2 of the Energy Act and are adopted by the State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission by decision under protocol No 110/18.07.2013 under item 1 and repeal the Electricity Trading Rules adopted by the State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission by decision under protocol No

94/25.06.2010 under item 5 (SG/ 64 of 2010).

§ 3. Electricity Trading Rules shall enter into force as of the date of their publication in the State Gazette.

§ 4. (New – SG/39 of 2014) The independent transmission operator shall announce the date as of which the conditions for application of the electricity trading rules to all coordinators of balancing groups are implemented.

§ 5. (New – SG/39 of 2014) In case of ordered curtailment of the electricity generation, the determination of the imbalances shall be implemented under an instruction developed by the electricity system operator and published on its internet page.

§ 6. (New – SG/39 of 2014) The Rules for amendment and supplement of the Electricity Trading Rules are adopted by SEWRC by decision under item 8 of protocol No 54/08.04.2014.

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to the Rules for amendment and supplement of
the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/90 of 2015, effective 20.11.2015)

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§ 92. (1) The rules for amendment and supplement of the Electricity Trading Rules shall enter into force as of the date of their publication in the State Gazette, except of: art. 56 paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 and art. 70, which shall enter into force as of 1 January 2016.

(2) Until enforcement of art. 56 paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 and art. 70, RES producers - members of special balancing group, who have reached the amount of the net specific generation, shall sell the electricity generated by them at freely negotiated prices without changing the balancing group, and those who have moved to standard balancing group shall be registered ex-officio by the relevant network operator in the relevant special balancing group as of 1 January 2016.

§ 93. (1) Until 31 January 2016, electricity traders, balancing group coordinators and distribution system operators shall align their contract relations in respect to customer registered on the electricity market with standardised load profiles before the enforcement of the rules for amendment and supplement of the Electricity Trading Rules in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(2) Until 31 January 2016, electricity traders supplying customers registered on the electricity market with standardised load profiles before the enforcement of the Rules for amendment and supplement of the Electricity Trading Rules shall align their contract relations with these customers

in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(3) For customers registered on the electricity market with standardised load profiles before entry into force of the Rules for amendment and supplement of the Electricity Trading Rules, art. 94 paragraphs 3 and 4 shall apply as of 1 February 2016.

§ 94. Until 31 January 2016, the distribution system operators shall undertake the required organisational and technical measures to ensure the application of standardised load profiles and the fulfilment of their obligations pursuant to art. 104b.

§ 95. Within six months of the entry into force of these Rules, EWRC shall adopt the instruction under art. 103a. Until the adoption of the instruction under art. 103a, chapter eight shall apply.

§ 96. “SEWRC” is replaced by “EWRC”.

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the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/100 of 2017, effective 15.12.2017)

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§ 71. The Energy and Water Regulatory Commission shall give instructions for application of the Electricity Trading Rules.

§ 72. Household and non-household end customers connected to the electricity distribution network at low voltage level - members of balancing group of a coordinator who is suspended under the conditions and the procedure of art. 68 from the electricity market as of the moment of entry into force of these Rules or until 30.04.2018, who have not initiated a procedure under chapter eight to transfer the balancing responsibility to another coordinator, shall be registered ex-officio in the balancing group of the relevant end supplier as of the 1st day of the month following the month in which they could initiate the procedure under chapter eight for the first time.

§ 73. Within 30 days of the entry into force of these Rules, the independent transmission operator shall suspend from the electricity market the trading participants who have not fulfilled their obligation for registration in the Central European register of the electricity market participants pursuant to art. 9, § 1 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25.11.2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency.

§ 74. Trading participants whose sites do not meet the requirements of art. 87 paragraph 3 of these Rules are obliged to align them in accordance with the legislative requirements until 1.02.2018.

§ 75. Within 45 days of the entry into force of these Rules, the independent transmission operator shall introduce procedure under art. 82 paragraph 1.

§ 76. Within 45 days of the entry into force of these Rules, the independent transmission operator shall adopt and publish on its internet page the instruction under art. 82 paragraph 3.

§ 77. (Amended – SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018) The instructions under art. 88 paragraph 3 developed by the independent transmission operator and the distribution system operators shall be published on the website of the independent transmission operator no later than 30.10.2018.

§ 78. Within 10 days of the entry into force of these Rules, the independent transmission operator shall adopt and publish on its internet page the instruction under art. 184 paragraph 1.

§ 79. (1) The delivery interval shall be determined in an instruction of the independent transmission operator.

(2) Until the publication of the instruction under paragraph 1, the delivery interval shall be equal to one hour.

§ 80. The provisions of art. 31 paragraph 4 shall apply as of 01.02.2018.

§ 81. The provisions of art. 102a shall apply as of 01.01.2018.

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(SG/72 of 2018, effective 31.08.2018)

§ 76. These rules shall enter into force on the day of their promulgation in the State Gazette, with the exception of § 41, which shall enter into force on 1.10.2018.

§ 77. (1) For a producer of electricity from renewable sources with a total installed capacity of 4 MW and over 4 MW, until the entry into force of its contract for compensation with premiums, but no later than 1.01.2019, the provisions for producers of electricity from renewable sources who produce electricity from an energy site with a total installed capacity of less than 4 MW shall apply.

(2) A producer under para. 1, a member of a special balancing group, is obliged, on the date of entry into force of the premium compensation agreement, but no later than 1.01.2019, to transfer its responsibility for balancing to a coordinator of a standard balancing group or to a coordinator of a combined balancing group. In case of failure to fulfil the obligation, art. 62, para. 3 and para. 4 respectively of these Rules shall apply.

(3) In the cases under para. 2, the provisions of art. 103, para. 3, 4, para. 5, items 1, 2 and 5 and para. 6 of these rules shall apply. Disputed obligations under the terminated contract for participation in the special balancing group shall be settled between the coordinator of this

balancing group and the producer within one month of the change of the coordinator or according to the general procedure.

§ 78. Until the contracts with the Electricity System Security Fund for compensation with a premium enter into force, but no later than 1.01.2019, art. 73a, para. 2 shall also apply to producers of electricity from renewable sources with a total installed capacity of 4 MW and over 4 MW.

§ 79. Until the contracts with the Electricity System Security Fund for premium compensation of producers of electricity from renewable sources enter into force, but no later than 1.01.2019, the information under art. 89, para. 11 shall also be sent to the public supplier/end suppliers.

§ 80. Within 60 days of the entry into force of these rules, network operators shall develop and publish instructions and a price list under art. 89a, para. 1.

§ 81. End customers who, as of the date of entry into force of these rules, are supplied by a supplier of last resort without having signed a contract, or for whom a change of supplier/coordinator with a supplier of last resort has been registered, shall conclude a contract for the supply of electricity from a supplier of last resort under art. 15, para. 5 within 10 days of receiving a written invitation.

§ 82. (1) Until the entry into force of the premium compensation agreement with the Electricity System Security Fund, but no later than 1.01.2019, the public supplier shall purchase the quantities of electricity exceeding the volume of net specific production of electricity produced from renewable sources with sites with a total installed capacity of 4 MW and over 4 MW, connected to the electricity transmission network, at a surplus price on the balancing market.

(2) Until the entry into force of the premium compensation agreement with the Electricity System Security Fund, but no later than 1.01.2019, end suppliers shall purchase the quantities of electricity exceeding the volume of net specific production of electricity produced from renewable sources with sites with a total installed capacity of 4 MW and over 4 MW, connected to the relevant electricity distribution network, at a surplus price on the balancing market.

(3) The end suppliers shall sell to the public supplier the quantities of electricity under paragraph 2 at the price at which they purchased it.

(4) The quantities of electricity above those under paragraphs 1 and 2 may be used by producers to supply their branches, enterprises and sites or to sell at freely negotiated prices in accordance with Chapter Nine, Section VII of the Energy Act and/or on the balancing market.

RULES

for amendment and supplement of

the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/40 of 2020, effective 5.05.2020)

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§ 110. In the Electricity Trading Rules, the words "the commission" and "Energy and Water

Regulatory Commission" are replaced everywhere with "EWRC", the words "EA" and "ZEV" are replaced with "Energy Act" and "Energy from Renewable Sources Act" respectively, the word "FSES" is replaced with "Electricity System Security Fund", and the words "Electricity System Management Rules", "Electricity Metering Rules", "cold reserve" and "tertiary reserve" are replaced with "the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 4 of the Energy Act", "the rules under art. 83, para. 1, item 6 of the Energy Act", "slow (cold) replacement reserve" and "fast (minute) replacement reserve" respectively.

Transitional and final provisions

§ 111. By the end of the month following the month of entry into force of these rules, producers of electricity from renewable sources with sites with a total installed capacity of 1 MW and over 1 MW, members of a combined balancing group, shall transfer their responsibility for balancing to a coordinator of a standard balancing group.

§ 112. (1) The instruction under art. 88, para. 3 of the Electricity Trading Rules, developed by the independent transmission operator and the electricity distribution network operators, shall be published on the website of the independent transmission operator no later than 31.12.2020.

(2) Until the publication of a notice by the independent transmission operator on the implementation of the instruction under art. 88, para. 3 of the Electricity Trading Rules, declarations for concluded contracts under art. 11, item 4 and/or under art. 11, item 9, and/or under art. 11, item 10 of the Electricity Trading Rules will be required.

§ 113. These rules shall enter into force on the day of their promulgation in the State Gazette, with the exception of: § 29, item 4, which shall enter into force on 1.06.2020, § 3, § 76, item 2, § 78, 79, 83, 108 and 109, which shall enter into force on 1.07.2020, § 54, which shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the month of entry into force of these rules, and § 77, which shall enter into force on the date on which the independent transmission operator begins to carry out the imbalance settlement procedure under article 22 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23.11.2017 establishing guidelines for electricity balancing.

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the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/110 of 2021, effective 24.12.2021)

§ 83. Combined and standard balancing groups united with a common financial settlement until the entry into force of these rules should be brought into line with these rules by 02.1.2022.

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to the Rules for amendment and supplement of

the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/52 of 2025, effective 1.07.2025)

§ 59. The Rules for Amendments and Supplements to the Electricity Trading Rules were adopted by the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission by decision under Protocol No. 185 of 23.06.2025, item 2, and shall enter into force on 1.07.2025, with the exception of § 3, item 1, § 8 and § 14, which shall enter into force on 31.12.2025.

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to the Rules for amendment and supplement of

the Electricity Trading Rules

(SG/13 of 2026, effective 3.02.2026)

§ 7. The Rules supplementing the Rules for Electricity Trading were adopted by the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission by decision under item 5 of Protocol No. 24 of 29.01.2026 and shall enter into force on the day of their promulgation in the State Gazette.

Appendix

To art. 105, para. 13
(Amended – SG/39 of 2014,
SG/40 of 2020,
Effective from 5.05.2020,
SG/110 of 2021,
Effective from 24.12.2021,
Amended and suppl., SG/76 of 2022,
Effective from 1.10.2022,
Amended, SG/36 of 2023,
Effective from 1.05.2023
Repealed, SG/52 of 2025.)