

**Subject: SEM-GB Decoupling training session with Market Participants 30/09/2021 – Common invitation**

Dear Market Participants,

Hereby, the SEM-GB parties would like to invite you to a SEM-GB decoupling training session, which will be held on 30/09/2021.

**BACKGROUND**

Since the Go-Live of the SEM-GB Market in 2018, almost 2000 successful market coupling sessions have been conducted. In the last 8 months, 3 major incidents have occurred in the SEM-GB, one of which led to a full decoupling and cancellation of the SEM-GB IDA2 Market. As part of the SEM-GB evaluation of these incidents, a recommendation was made to perform training sessions involving all operational parties (Transmission System Operators and Nominated Electricity Market Operators) including Market Participants.

**OBJECTIVE**

This training session is organized to give all parties involved in a possible SEM-GB market decoupling the opportunity to validate that they are properly prepared to handle such an incident in real operations and real-life conditions.

**SCENARIO**

A full decoupling due to issues with the submission of cross-zonal capacities will be simulated. This means that no SEM-GB market coupling results will be available at the usual publication time of the auction, but local auctions will be triggered depending as per the operational processes. For your convenience, the session will take place outside of the usual SEM-GB timings in order not to interfere with ongoing operations.

The TSOs and NEMOs will handle the situation in line with operational procedures and local auctions by the NEMOs after the Full Decoupling. Market participants are expected to respond and act, based on the operational messages from their respective NEMOs exactly like in real operations.

Full Decoupling				
Step	Description	System	Simulation Time	IDA 1 Production Timing
1	Start of the Market Coupling Session	PMB	14:00	17:15
2	Target Time for submitting CZCs	PMB	14:30	17:45
3	Latest Time to Start an Incident Committee	Phone	14:45	18:00
4	Sending of the ExC_04 :Full Decoupling due to CZC reasons and running of local auctions message	Email	15:00	18:15
5	Running of Local Auctions where applicable	Local Trading System	15:15	18:30

**\*\* Timings listed about are in Central European Time**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**The entire training session will take place in a simulation environment. All operational messages from involved parties will be clearly marked as "SIMULATON" messages. Please make sure that in any case, if you are participating or not, your staff present on 30/09 will be aware that this test is scheduled and that messages related to it are sent out. This is important to prevent any type of misunderstanding that could impact the processes in production.**

**NEXT STEPS**

- 24/09: Market Participant registration deadline towards its NEMO
- 30/09: Execution of the full decoupling training session

An assessment and feedback session will be scheduled following that training session.

Looking forward to a productive and constructive session together,

With kind regards,

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