

The market operator restores connection to the AIB HUB communication server

OTE, a.s., (OTE, market operator) was with immediate effect once again admitted to the international standardized European Electricity Certificate Scheme (EECS) on the 30th of September 2016 at the General Meeting of the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB), and is working on re-enabling international transfers of Guarantees of Origin.

Following the admittance to the international standardized EECS Scheme the market operator continues the technical work and testing of the Guarantees of Origin Registry (so called "EZP"), so that the reconnection to the international communication server AIB HUB is completed as soon as possible and users of EZP are allowed to start importing Guarantees of Origin from other member states as a first step. The expected date of commencement of Guarantees of Origin imports is the month of November. The ability to export Guarantees of Origin is tied to a system change of AIB HUB server, which is scheduled by AIB for the first half of 2017.

"The EECS Scheme and AIB HUB server ensure harmonized procedures and transparent rules for issuing of energy certificates, such as Guarantees of Origin, and their domestic and international transactions. With the same effort as we put into meeting the requirements of reintegration into EECS Scheme, we are now working on reconnection to the AIB HUB server, so as to enable our business partners to import Guarantees of Origin as soon as possible," says Ing. Aleš Tomec, Chairman of the Board of OTE, a.s.

The market operator will inform the users about the launch dates of individual possibilities of international transfers through its system.

The above-mentioned decision of the General Meeting of AIB was taken based on the new Decree no. 70/2016 Coll. on the billing for supply of energy and related services in energy industries, relating to which the market operator sets the National Residual Mix of the Czech Republic. Based on the National Residual Mix the electricity supplier sets the parameters in their billing of electricity supply so that the customer can obtain transparent information and clearer orientation in their own electricity consumption. For more information visit: www.ote-cr.cz - Statistics section.

OTE, Inc.

Joint-Stock company OTE, a. s., (OTE) operates on the electricity market in the Czech Republic since 2001 and on the gas market since 2010. OTE provides comprehensive services to individual electricity and gas market participants. Since 2002 OTE organizes trading on day-ahead and later on an intra-day and block markets and since 2010 also on the day-ahead and intraday gas market. Among others OTE also provides continuous processing and exchange of data, information for clearing and financial settlement of differences between the actual values and the supply and consumption of electricity and gas and provides administrative supplier change in both commodities to the all market participants in the Czech Republic and abroad. At the same time manages the national registry of greenhouse gas emissions. As of 1 January 2013 OTE is responsible for the administration and payment system of OTE for supported energy sources.

OTE is according to §20a of Act no. 458/2000 Coll., on business conditions and the performance of state administration in the energy sectors and amending certain laws (Energy Act), as amended, the licensee of the Market Operator, which includes the electricity and gas market in the country.

As of 7 October 2015 the joint-stock company OTE was established by the Energy Regulatory Office a nominated organizer of the electricity market (NEMO) which will provide a uniform interconnection of day-ahead or intraday markets. As of 7 October 2015 Market Operator also launched reporting on business data from OTE short-term markets into the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Offices (ACER) for market participants.

More information can be found at www.ote-cr.cz.