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Monika Pešková Elected to Lead the Cybersecurity Task Force under the Market Coupling Steering Committee

On Wednesday, 15 April 2026, Monika Pešková was elected to the leadership of the newly established Cybersecurity Task Force, composed of representatives of Nominated Electricity Market Operators (NEMOs) and Transmission System Operators (TSOs). During her two-year mandate, she will represent the NEMO community and, together with the TSO co-chair, oversee the activities of the Task Force.

The Cybersecurity Task Force operates under the Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC), the governing body of the European Single Day-Ahead and Intraday Market Coupling projects. The MCSC brings together representatives of TSOs and NEMOs from across the EU and is responsible for strategic coordination, process harmonisation, and the further development of the integrated European electricity market.

The creation of a dedicated Cybersecurity Task Force reflects the growing need for coordinated implementation of the NIS2 Directive, which aims to strengthen the cyber resilience of interconnected electricity markets. In response to this initiative, OTE nominated Monika Pešková, a specialist in the Market Development Department, to serve as the NEMO co-chair. Since July last year, Monika has also represented NEMOs in the European Stakeholder Committee on Electricity Cybersecurity organised by ACER.

“Monika Pešková’s new role is another example of OTE’s active engagement in European energy initiatives. Her expertise, long-term commitment, and willingness to take responsibility deserve recognition,” said Michal Puchel, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

In addition, from 16 April 2026 to 16 October 2026, OTE’s Vice-Chairman of the Board, Igor Chemišinec, will chair the Price Coupling of Regions (PCR) project. PCR is a joint initiative of selected NEMOs responsible for developing and operating the technical solutions enabling the Single Day-Ahead and Intraday Coupling (SDAC and SIDC), including the implementation of the EUPHEMIA algorithm and related market coupling processes. The project is currently managed by eight NEMOs: EPEX SPOT, GME, HEnEx, Nord Pool, OMIE, OPCOM, OTE and TGE.

“The long-standing respect of our European partners for the contributions of our representatives — Monika Pešková, Igor Chemišinec, and other colleagues — including their election to leadership roles in international projects, once again confirms their expertise and dedication. My sincere thanks for

their excellent work, which strengthens OTE's position as a respected partner on the international stage," added Michal Puchel.

Nominated Electricity Market Operators (NEMOs) are organisations designated by EU Member States to develop and operate the single day-ahead and intraday electricity markets. OTE, a.s., was designated as the Czech NEMO on 7 October 2015 by the Energy Regulatory Office under Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 (CACM). Alongside OTE, other NEMOs include European power exchanges and market operators such as EPEX SPOT, Nord Pool, HUPX, GME, OKTE, OMIE and others. Together, they develop and operate the technical solutions for the integrated European market, coordinate operational processes, and ensure transparent and non-discriminatory access for market participants. Their close cooperation enables efficient market integration and supports a secure, liquid, and competitive electricity market in the EU.

Together with Ondřej Máca, Head of the Intraday Market Coupling Project, Lajos Valent, Head of the Governance Task Force, and Martina Gabriel, Chair of the Electricity Scheme Group within the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB), the representation of OTE, a.s., in international working groups has further expanded, reaffirming the key role of the market operator in this area of cooperation.

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OTE, a.s., holds a license for market operator activities, which includes the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic. A Nominated Electricity Market Organizer (NEMO) is established by the Energy Regulatory Office, which ensures a unified connection of the day and intraday markets. It acts as the National Administrator of the Permit Trading Register.

As a market operator and nominated organizer of the electricity market, OTE ensures, among other things, the organization of trading on the daily, intraday electricity market and the intraday gas market in the Czech Republic, and in this activity participates in the organization of the unified EU electricity market. It performs accounting and financial settlement of imbalances between the contractual and actual values of electricity and gas supplies and withdrawals and ensures the administrative change of the supplier of both commodities. It also provides the participants of the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic with continuous processing and exchange of data and documents for their activities on the electricity market and the gas market, and reports business data from short-term OTE markets to the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Authorities (ACER).

In the name of the Czech Republic and on its account, it supplies settlement entities or takes gas from them when receiving or providing international aid in the gas industry. It administers and pays out compensation payments according to the Act on Measures for the Czech Republic's Transition to Low-Carbon Energy.

It is responsible for the administration of the system for the payment of support for supported energy sources. It issues and registers guarantees of the origin of energy and keeps records of the implementation of the use of renewable resources in transport. It ensures many other activities contributing to the development of the energy sector in the Czech Republic and Europe.

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