

Approval by all Nordic Regulatory Authorities on the Nordic TSOs' Proposal for the determination of LFC blocks within the Nordic Synchronous Area in accordance with Article 141(2) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation

This document elaborates an agreement of All Regulatory Authorities of the Nordic synchronous area (hereinafter referred to as NRAs), agreed electronically on 4 September 2018, on **all TSOs of the Nordic synchronous area's** (hereinafter referred to as TSOs) **Proposal for the determination of LFC blocks for the Nordic Synchronous Area submitted in accordance with Article 141(2) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation** (hereinafter referred to as respectively “Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal” and “Regulation 2017/1485”), as amended on 5 July 2018.

This agreement of NRAs shall provide evidence that a decision on the amended Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal does not, at this stage, need to be adopted by ACER pursuant to Article 6(8) of Regulation 2017/1485. This agreement is intended to constitute the basis on which All Nordic Regulatory Authorities will each subsequently adopt a decision to the amended Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal pursuant to Article 7(1) of Regulation 2017/1485.

The legal provisions relevant to the submission and approval of the Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal can be found in Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 139, 141 of Regulation 2017/1485.

The Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal

The TSOs' (original) proposal was submitted to NRAs on 7 May 2018. On 28 June 2018, the NRAs submitted a Request for Amendment to the TSOs. The TSOs submitted an amended proposal, dated 5 July 2018, on 10 July 2018.

Regulation 2017/1485 requires NRAs to consult and closely cooperate and coordinate with each other to reach agreement and make decisions within six months following receipt of submissions of the last Regulatory Authority concerned. In the event that one or several regulatory authorities request an amendment to approve the proposal, the competent regulatory authorities shall decide on the amended proposal within two months following their submission. A decision is therefore required by each Regulatory Authority of the Nordic

synchronous area (Denmark, Finland and Åland, Sweden and Norway) by 10 September 2018.

NRAs' position

NRAs acknowledge that TSOs have improved the Proposal on LFC block determination compared to the initial proposal. The amended Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal fulfils the NRAs request for amendments. The Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal is now clearly specifying which transmission systems cover the Nordic synchronous area.

Actions / conclusion

NRAs have assessed, consulted and closely cooperated and coordinated to reach the agreement that the Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal meets the requirements of Regulation 2017/1485 and as such can be approved by all Regulatory Authorities of the Nordic synchronous area.

NRAs must therefore, on the basis of this agreement, make their national decisions by 10 September 2018. The Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal will be adopted upon the decision of the last NRA of Nordic synchronous area. Following the national decisions by all, TSOs will be required to publish the Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal as approved, in line with Article 6(8) of Regulation 2017/1485. All TSOs must respect the implementation deadlines provided in the Nordic LFC Blocks Determination Proposal.