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EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY DECISION

of 14 October 2026

on the amendment to the determination of capacity calculation regions for Norway

THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY,

Having regard to:

the Agreement on the European Economic Area¹ ('the EEA Agreement'), in particular to Article 24 and Annex IV thereof,

the Act referred to at point 47 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement:

Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ('the ACER Regulation'),² and in particular Article 8 thereof, as adapted to the EEA Agreement,³

the procedure referred to at point 47(d) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement,

the Act referred to at point 49 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement:

Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management ('the CACM Regulation'),⁴ and in particular Articles 9(6)(b) and 9(13) as well as Article 15 thereof, as adapted to the EEA Agreement,⁵

Whereas:

1 INTRODUCTION

- (1) The CACM Regulation defines capacity calculation regions ('CCRs') as geographic areas in which coordinated capacity calculation is applied.⁶ Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation requires all transmission system operators ('TSOs') to jointly develop a common proposal regarding the determination of CCRs.

¹ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

² OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 1.

³ EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 93/2017 of 5 May 2017.

⁴ OJ 197, 25.7.2015, p. 24.

⁵ EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 204/2020 of 11 December 2020.

⁶ Article 2(3) of the CACM Regulation.

- (2) Norway is part of the internal market for electricity through the EEA Agreement. The objective of the EEA Agreement is to create a homogeneous European Economic Area ('EEA'). Relevant EU legislation for the internal electricity market is incorporated into the EEA Agreement so that it applies throughout the whole EEA, ensuring uniform application of laws relating to this market and thus ensuring a level playing field throughout the EEA. Upon incorporation of the EU legislation into the EEA Agreement, Norway has the obligation to implement the *acquis* covered by this legislation.
- (3) The CACM Regulation was incorporated into the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 204/2020, which entered into force on 31 July 2021.⁷ It is therefore appropriate to apply the CACM Regulation's requirements for the determination of CCRs to Norway.
- (4) The EFTA Surveillance Authority ('the Authority') set by its Decision No. 065/23/COL of 24 April 2023 the CCR methodology for Norway ('the CCR methodology'), allocating the Norwegian bidding zone borders to the relevant CCRs (CCR Nordic and CCR Hansa) ('the Authority's Decision No. 065/23/COL').⁸
- (5) The present Decision amends the CCR methodology for Norway. It follows from the requests of the Norwegian regulatory authority ('RME') that the Authority adopts a decision for Norway reflecting the amendment proposals it received from the Norwegian TSO, Statnett SF, on 30 November 2023 ('First Amendment Proposal') and 2 July 2025 ('Second Amendment Proposal'). The First and Second Amendment Proposals are for the purposes of this Decision referred to together as 'the Amendment Proposals'.
- (6) The present Decision includes the following annexes:

Annex I	Annex I to Decision No. 139/26/COL of 14 October 2026 amending for Norway the determination of capacity calculation regions in accordance with Article 15(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management, as amended and approved by the EFTA Surveillance Authority (Document No. 1599358).
Annex II	Annex II to Decision No. 139/26/COL of 14 October 2026 amending for Norway the determination of capacity calculation regions in accordance with Article 15(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management, as amended and approved by the EFTA Surveillance Authority (Document No. 1599357).

Annexes I and II reflect the changes made to the CCR methodology by the First Amendment Proposal and the Second Amendment Proposal, respectively, and as amended by the Authority.

⁷ The CACM Regulation was made binding in the internal legal order in Norway through national measures, which entered into force on 1 August 2021.

⁸ EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No. 065/23/COL of 24 April 2023 on the determination of capacity calculation regions in accordance with Article 15(1) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management. Decision No. 065/23/COL is available under this link: https://www.eftasurv.int/cms/sites/default/files/documents/gopro/College%20Decision%20-%20Decision%20065_2023_COL%20on%20the%20determination%20of%20capacity%20calculation%20regions.pdf.

For information purposes only, the Authority's Decision is accompanied by documents providing a track-changed version of the Amendment Proposals, reflecting the Authority's amendments, and a consolidated version of the CCR methodology (Documents No. 1620357, 1620356 and 1623708).

2 PROCEDURE

- (7) On 30 November 2023 and on 2 July 2025, the Norwegian TSO submitted the Amendment Proposals to RME.
- (8) RME requested on 26 March 2024 (Documents No. 1485041 and 1485038) and 15 September 2025 (Documents No. 1559832, 1559833 and 1559834) the Authority to decide on the Amendment Proposals in accordance with point 47 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement, in particular the adaptations set out in paragraph (d) thereof for the application of Article 8(1)(b) of the ACER Regulation, as incorporated into the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 93/2017, and Article 9(11) of the CACM Regulation, as incorporated into the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 204/2020 and having regard in particular to paragraph (9) of the preamble thereof.
- (9) On 23 September 2024 and 7 November 2025, the Authority requested the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ('ACER') to prepare a draft for the Authority's decision on the Amendment Proposals, in accordance with point 47(d)(iv) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement (Documents No. 1485084 and 1568729).
- (10) On 14 October 2024⁹ and 21 January 2026,¹⁰ ACER provided the Authority with drafts for the Authority's decision on the Amendment Proposals, in accordance with point 47(d)(iv) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement.
- (11) On 16 June 2026, RME clarified to the Authority that the Amendment Proposals are to be read as including the adaptations made for Norway by the Authority in its Decision No. 065/23/COL (Document No. 1615619).
- (12) On 5 August 2026, the Authority invited RME to express its views on the Authority's preliminary decision, in accordance with point 47(d)(iv) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement (Documents No. 1620718, 1620719, 1620720, 1620721, 1620722 and 1620723).
- (13) On 2 September 2026, ACER sent to the Authority a corrigendum for its draft decision (Documents No. 1623565, 1624143, 1624142, 1624141, 1624140 and 1624139).
- (14) On 3 September 2026, the Authority shared with RME minor amendments to its preliminary decisions, considering the corrigendum received from ACER (Documents No. 1623703, 1623706, 1623705 and 1623704).
- (15) On 7 September 2026, RME shared its views on the Authority's preliminary decision (Document No. 1624145). These views are summarised in section 5 of this Decision.
- (16) This Decision is issued following the Authority's review and amendment of the Amendment Proposals, in cooperation with ACER. Annexes I and II to this Decision set for Norway the amendments to the CCR methodology, pursuant to Article 15 of the CACM Regulation, as amended and approved by the Authority.

⁹ Documents No. 1490320, 1490328, 1490329, 1490330, 1490331, 1490332, 1490333, 1490334 and 1490335.

¹⁰ Documents No. 1585782, 1585784, 1585785, 1585786, 1585787, 1585788, 1585789, 1585790, 1585791, 1585792, 1585793, 1585794 and 1585795.

- (17) The Authority's Decision amends the CCR methodology solely for Norway.
- (18) For the purposes of this Decision, it is relevant to note that the Norwegian TSO informally cooperated with the EU TSOs ('EU TSOs') for the amendment of the CCR methodology which is the subject of the present Decision.
- (19) On 19 March 2024 and 16 December 2025, ACER decided for the EU on the amendment to the CCR methodology (respectively 'ACER Decision No. 04/2024'¹¹ and 'ACER Decision No. 10/2025'¹²), on the basis of the proposals received from the EU TSOs ('EU Amendment Proposals'). The Amendment Proposals, received by the Authority from RME, correspond to the EU Amendment Proposals upon which ACER decided for the EU by Decisions No. 04/2024 and 10/2025.
- (20) The EU Amendment Proposals were published for public consultation by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('ENTSO-E'), on behalf of the EU TSOs and the Norwegian TSO. The following public consultations took place: from 7 July 2023 to 21 August 2023 (inclusion of the Celtic Interconnector),¹³ from 11 October 2023 to 11 November 2023 (establishment of the Central Europe CCR for day-ahead capacity calculation)¹⁴ and from 14 May 2025 to 14 June 2025 (merger of CCR Core and CCR Italy North into the CCR Central Europe ('CCR CE') and the inclusion of the bidding zone borders between the EU TSOs of Member States neighbouring the Energy Community Contracting Parties ('EnC CP') and the EnC CP TSOs).¹⁵
- (21) ACER, when taking its Decisions No. 04/2024 and 10/2025 for the EU, held numerous dialogues and exchanges with the relevant EEA TSOs and national regulatory authorities. The dialogues and exchanges, as well as the public consultations organised by the EEA TSOs when developing the EU Amendment Proposals, are documented in detail in ACER Decisions No. 04/2024 and 10/2025 for the EU.

3 THE AUTHORITY'S COMPETENCE TO DECIDE ON THE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

- (22) In accordance with point 47(d)(i) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement, adapting Article 8 of the ACER Regulation, in cases involving one or more EFTA State(s), the Authority is to adopt a decision addressed to the national regulatory authorities of the concerned EFTA State(s), where ACER is competent on the EU side.
- (23) On 26 March 2024 and 15 September 2025, RME referred the Amendment Proposals to the Authority for a decision in accordance with point 47(d)(i) of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement, adapting Article 8(1)(b) of the ACER Regulation.

¹¹ ACER Decision No. 04/2024 on the amendment to the determination of capacity calculation regions (CCRs). The decision is available under this link: https://acer.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Individual%20Decisions/ACER_Ddecision_04-2024_CCR_methodology_amendment.pdf. Annex I to ACER Decision No. 04/2024 is available under this link: https://acer.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Individual%20Decisions_annex/ACER_Ddecision_04-2024_CCR_methodology_amendment_Annex_I.pdf.

¹² ACER Decision No. 10/2025 on the amendment to the determination of capacity calculation regions. ACER Decision No. 10/2025 is available under this link: <https://acer.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Individual%20Decisions/ACER-Decision-10-2025-CCR-amendments.pdf>. Annex I to ACER Decision NO. 10/2025 is available under this link: https://acer.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Individual%20Decisions_annex/ACER-Decision-10-2025-Annex-I.pdf.

¹³ <https://consultations.entsoe.eu/markets/all-tsos-amendment-ccr-methodology/>.

¹⁴ <https://consultations.entsoe.eu/markets/all-tsos-amendment-ccr-methodology-core-in/>.

¹⁵ <https://consultations.entsoe.eu/markets/copy-of-all-tsos-amendment-ccr-methodology-core-in/>.

- (24) The content of the Amendment Proposals falls within the scope of Article 15 of the CACM Regulation. The CACM Regulation was incorporated at point 49 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 204/2020, which entered into force on 31 July 2021.
- (25) Following the incorporation of the CACM Regulation into the EEA Agreement, the Amendment Proposals involve one EFTA State, namely Norway. In the EU, ACER decided on the corresponding proposals through binding decisions.
- (26) Consequently, it is the Authority's competence to adopt a decision addressed to RME to amend the CCR methodology for Norway.

4 SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

- (27) The First Amendment Proposal includes the following sections:

Whereas	Recitals 1 to 28	'Whereas' section explains the background of the methodology, how the methodology considers the general principles and objectives of the CACM Regulation and Regulation (EC) 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003 ('the Electricity Regulation') ¹⁶ and, where required, provides additional reasoning supporting the articles of the methodology.
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The First Amendment Proposal amends recital 11 and adds recitals 25-28, to explain the amendments to the CCR methodology.

Title 1	Articles 1 to 2	General provisions covering the subject matter and the scope of the methodology, definitions, and the application of the methodology.
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There were no changes proposed by the First Amendment Proposal.

Title 2	Articles 3 to 11	Capacity Calculation Regions with listed CCRs and appointed bidding zone borders.
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The First Amendment Proposal:

- amends Articles 5 and 6 by providing that the definitions of Core CCR and Italy North CCR are without prejudice to the newly added Article 7;
- amends Article 6 by adding the bidding zone border between the Single Electricity Market in Ireland and Northern Ireland ('SEM') and France ('FR') to the Core CCR;
- adds Article 7 with the definition of the new CCR CE, merging the Core and Italy North bidding zone borders, initially only for day-ahead capacity calculation process and setting out provisions for the submission of the day-

¹⁶ OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15, as incorporated at point 20 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 93/2017 of 5 May 2017.

ahead capacity calculation methodology and for the further merger of CCRs Core and Italy North.

Title 3 Articles 12 to 14 **Final provisions** on implementation, future assessment and language.

There were no changes proposed by the First Amendment Proposal.

Appendix **Maps of the CCRs**

The First Amendment Proposal:

- amends the map of the Core CCR by adding the SEM bidding zone and SEM-FR bidding zone border;
- adds the map of the new CCR CE.

(28) The Second Amendment Proposal consists of the following amendments to the CCR methodology. For clarity and completeness, the sections of the CCR methodology where no amendments were proposed are also listed below:

Whereas Recitals 1 to 7 **‘Whereas’ section** explains the background of the methodology, how the methodology considers the general principles and objectives of the CACM Regulation and the Electricity Regulation and, where required, provides additional reasoning supporting the articles of the methodology.

Title 1 Articles 1 to 2 General provisions covering the subject matter and the scope of the methodology, definitions, and the application of the methodology.

The Second Amendment Proposal amends Articles 1 and 2 of the CCR methodology to clarify that the CCRs also cover bidding zone borders between EEA States and EnC CP, as well as bidding zone borders between EnC CP, and that the CCR determination takes into account Annex I of the Energy Community CACM Regulation (‘the EnC CACM Regulation’).¹⁷

Title 2 Articles 3 to 11c **Capacity Calculation Regions** with listed CCRs and appointed bidding zone borders.

The Second Amendment Proposal:

- amends Article 7 by specifying that the CCR CE is established for capacity calculation in the day-ahead timeframe and intraday timeframe, as well as for the methodology for regional operational security coordination in accordance with Article 76 of Commission Regulation 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation (‘the SO Regulation’),¹⁸ the methodology for the coordinated redispatching and

¹⁷ The EnC CACM Regulation corresponds to the CACM Regulation, as incorporated into the Energy Community legal framework by the Energy Community Ministerial Council Decision 2022/03/MC-EnC of 15 December 2022.

¹⁸ OJ L 240, 28.9.2023, p. 63, as incorporated at point 51 of Annex IV to the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No. 206/2020 of 11 December 2020.

countertrading in accordance with Article 35 of the CACM Regulation and the methodology for the redispatching and countertrading cost sharing in accordance with Article 74 of the CACM Regulation;

- amends Article 11 by adding eleven bidding zone borders to the existing CCR South-East Europe ('CCR SEE');
- adds Article 11a with the definition of new CCR East-central Europe ('CCR ECE');
- adds Article 11b with the definition of new CCR Italy-Montenegro ('CCR ITME');
- adds Article 11c with the definition of new CCR Eastern Europe ('CCR EE').

Title 3 Articles 12 to 14 **Final provisions** on implementation, future assessment and language.

The Second Amendment Proposal amends Article 13 by:

- setting the conditions for the merger of the CCR ECE with the CCR CE;
- setting the conditions for the CCR SEE to become effective.

Appendix 1 **Maps of the CCRs**

The Second Amendment Proposal:

- amends the map of the CCR SEE by adding eleven bidding zone borders;
- adds the map of the new CCRs ECE, ITME and EE.

Appendix 2 **List of TSOs**

The TSOs added the list of EnC CP TSOs subject to the CCR methodology.

(29) The Second Amendment Proposal is accompanied by an explanatory note to the amendments.

5 OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY

- (30) RME found that the Authority's preliminary decision, which includes changes such as the creation of the CCR CE and the integration of the Energy Community borders, represents a vital step toward a unified, efficient, and secure European electricity market. RME therefore welcomed and supported the amendments proposed by the Authority.
- (31) RME observed that the methodology, and the amendments proposed, may step by step lead to more coordinated calculation and allocation of cross-zonal capacity in Europe, hence contributing to more optimal calculation and allocation of cross-zonal capacities, more optimal use of transmission infrastructure and operational security, in accordance with the purposes set out in Article 3 of the CACM Regulation.
- (32) RME further considered that the methodology set out a revised and updated determination of CCRs, in accordance with Articles 9(6)(b) and 15(1) of the CACM Regulation.

- (33) RME welcomed the adaptations made by the Authority to reflect the relevant legal framework of the CACM Regulation and the Third Energy Package, as incorporated into the EEA Agreement. RME considered that these adaptations were necessary, and appropriate to ensure a homogeneous approach.
- (34) RME found that the content of the preliminary decision fell within the scope of Articles 9(6)(b) and 15(1) of the CACM Regulation. Furthermore, RME found that the CACM Regulation and the Electricity Regulation provided the relevant framework for the determination of the methodology for Norway as set out in the Authority's preliminary decision.

6 ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL

6.1. Legal framework

- (35) Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation requires all TSOs to jointly develop a common proposal regarding the determination of CCRs and, pursuant to Article 9(6)(b) of the CACM Regulation, to submit it for approval. According to Article 9(13) of the CACM Regulation, the TSOs responsible for developing a proposal for methodologies may request amendments of these methodologies, which also shall be approved by the Authority.
- (36) Article 9(13) of the CACM Regulation in joint reading with Article 12 of the CACM Regulation requires that the proposal for amendments is subject to a consultation at the EEA level for a period of not less than one month before it is submitted for approval. The consulted stakeholders shall include the relevant authorities of each EEA State, and its results shall be duly taken into consideration by all TSOs. The TSOs are required to develop in their submission a justification for including or not the views resulting from the consultation and publish it in a timely manner before or simultaneously with the publication of the proposal.
- (37) According to Article 15(2) of the CACM Regulation, each bidding zone border shall be assigned to one CCR and at least those TSOs shall be assigned to all CCRs in which they have bidding zone borders.
- (38) According to Article 15(3) of the CACM Regulation, CCRs applying flow-based capacity calculation shall be merged into one CCR if their transmission systems are directly linked to each other, they participate in the same single day-ahead or intraday coupling area and merging them is more efficient than keeping them separate. The competent regulatory authorities may request a joint cost-benefit analysis from the TSOs concerned to assess the efficiency of the merger.
- (39) Pursuant to Article 9(9) of the CACM Regulation, all proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies shall include a proposed timescale for their implementation and a description of their expected impact on the objectives of the CACM Regulation. These objectives are listed in Article 3 of the CACM Regulation.
- (40) According to Article 20(2) of the CACM Regulation, all TSOs in each CCR shall submit a proposal for a common coordinated capacity calculation methodology within the respective region no later than 10 months after the approval of the proposal for a CCR in accordance with Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation.
- (41) As outlined in section 1, Article 1 of the EEA Agreement defines the aim of the EEA Agreement as achieving a homogeneous EEA based on common rules and equal conditions of competition.

- (42) The Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee No. 93/2017 and No. 204/2020 set up a mechanism catering for homogeneous interpretation and application of the ACER and the CACM Regulations throughout the EEA. Under these acts, the Authority is the competent entity to issue binding decisions *vis-à-vis* the concerned national regulatory authorities of the EFTA States in cases involving one or more EFTA State(s), where ACER is competent on the EU side. The decisions of the Authority are to be based on drafts prepared by ACER. The Authority is to invite the national regulatory authorities of the EFTA States to express their views on the matter, taking full account of the urgency, complexity and potential consequences of the matter.

6.2. Assessment of the Amendment Proposals

- (43) The Amendment Proposals amend the CCR methodology, as set for Norway by the Authority's Decision No. 065/23/COL.
- (44) Considering the objective of the EEA Agreement to achieve a homogeneous EEA based on common rules, stated above in sections 1 and 6.1, the Authority is to adopt decisions consistent with decisions taken by ACER on similar matters.
- (45) The essence of the CACM Regulation and CCR methodology calls for a homogeneous approach. The CACM Regulation requires all TSOs subject to this regulation to set geographic areas to promote effective coordination between bidding zone borders, enabling an optimal use of transmission infrastructure across the internal electricity market.
- (46) The Authority, in cooperation with ACER, assessed the compliance of the Amendment Proposals with the requirements incorporated into the EEA Agreement under the CACM and ACER Regulations and here above recalled. It raises the following considerations in support of its amendments to the Amendment Proposals.

6.2.1. Legal assessment and amendments of the First Amendment Proposal

6.2.1.1. *Assessment of the First Amendment Proposal in view of the legal requirements*

- (47) The First Amendment Proposal fulfils the requirements of Article 9(6)(b), Article 9(13) and Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation, as the Norwegian TSO and the EU TSOs jointly developed the First Amendment Proposal and the Norwegian TSO has submitted it to RME, which has in turn submitted it to the Authority for decision.
- (48) The First Amendment Proposal assigns each additional bidding zone border to a specific CCR and extends the list of TSOs in a CCR where relevant. The First Amendment Proposal therefore fulfils the requirements of Article 15(2) of the CACM Regulation. The Authority's assessment in this respect is outlined in section 6.2.1.2.
- (49) The First Amendment Proposal regarding the inclusion of the Celtic interconnector was publicly consulted via ENTSO-E's web-based consultation between 7 July 2023 and 21 August 2023. The First Amendment Proposal regarding the establishment of the CCR CE for day-ahead capacity calculation was publicly consulted via ENTSO-E's web-based consultation between 11 October 2023 and 11 November 2023. The comments to both public consultations have been compiled in Annexes to the explanatory document which was submitted to ACER together with the first EU Amendment Proposal. The document explains how stakeholders' views have been taken into consideration and provides reasons where they have not been taken into account. ENTSO-E has published stakeholders' submissions.¹⁹ Therefore, the Authority considers that the First Amendment Proposal meets the requirements of

¹⁹ The submitted documents are available at https://www.entsoe.eu/network_codes/cacm/.

Article 12 of the CACM Regulation and complies with Article 9(13) of the same Regulation.

- (50) The First Amendment Proposal meets the requirements of Article 9(9) of the CACM Regulation on the inclusion of a proposed timescale for implementation, as Article 12 of the Proposal specifies its implementation date.
- (51) The recitals of the First Amendment Proposal describe the expected impact of the CCRs on the objectives listed in Article 3 of the CACM Regulation. The First Amendment Proposal therefore meets the requirement of Article 9(9) of the CACM Regulation.

6.2.1.2. The Authority's assessment and revision of the First Amendment Proposal

- (52) The First Amendment Proposal relates to the inclusion of the Celtic interconnector and to the establishment of the CCR CE for the day-ahead timeframe:
 - The Celtic interconnector, when in operation, will create a new bidding zone border between the bidding zones of the SEM and France. The First Amendment Proposal proposes to include the bidding zone border SEM-FR in the Core CCR under Article 5 of the methodology and attributed to EirGrid and Réseau de transport d'électricité (RTE).
 - Article 7 of the First Amendment Proposal defines a new CCR CE that shall include all bidding zone borders and attributed TSOs listed in Articles 5 and 6 of the Proposal, i.e. of CCRs Core and Italy North. Furthermore, the First Amendment Proposal states that for the time being solely the capacity calculation methodology in the day-ahead timeframe pursuant to Article 20 of the CACM Regulation shall be implemented in CCR CE.
- (53) While these provisions are strictly speaking not relevant for Norway, they reflect the need to have homogeneous terms and conditions for the entire interconnected market, based on a proposal from all TSOs, including Statnett.
- (54) As a consequence, and bearing in mind the need to ensure homogeneity, the Authority amended the relevant provisions in the First Amendment Proposal in line with the changes made by ACER in its Decision No. 04/2024 for the EU, and detailed in that ACER Decision. The Authority therefore:
 - rephrased paragraph (3) of Article 5, by referring to 'Single Electricity Market in Ireland and Northern Ireland' instead of 'Single Electricity Market in the territories of Ireland and Northern Ireland';
 - amended recital (11) of the Proposal, explaining the Celtic interconnector's addition to Core CCR;
 - amended Article 7, which defines CCR CE, in order to clarify that this CCR is established for capacity calculation in the day-ahead timeframe only and to attain a clear distinction between CCR CE and CCRs Core and Italy North;
 - removed the deadline for the submission of the day-ahead capacity calculation methodology for the CCR CE in the First Amendment Proposal;
 - detailed in the 'whereas' section provisions related to the further merger of CCRs Core and Italy North and amendments to the CCR methodology;

- specified in Article 13(3) the TSOs' commitment to the full merger of the CCRs Core and Italy North into the CCR CE, and the application of a stepwise approach to that end taking into account potential interdependencies with existing regional implementation projects under the applicable EEA law, followed by the amendments of the CCR methodology for each step of the merger;
- removed recitals related to the background of the submission for amendment of the determination of CCRs.

6.2.1.3. *Other amendments*

- (55) The Authority has amended the 'whereas' section, specifying the details of the preceding Authority Decision No. 065/23/COL assigning, for Norway, the Norwegian bidding zone borders to the relevant CCRs, in order to better reflect the legislative and decision-making process for the determination of CCRs in Norway.
- (56) The Authority has deleted the reference to the submitting TSOs in the 'whereas' section of the First Amendment Proposal. In addition, the Authority amended Article 1 of the First Amendment Proposal to specify the personal scope of application of the determination of CCRs for Norway.
- (57) The Authority amended the 'whereas' section and Article 1 of the First Amendment Proposal to replace the term "Member States" by the term "EEA States".
- (58) The Authority amended Article 13 of the First Amendment Proposal to reflect the procedure applicable in Norway for future amendment proposals.
- (59) The Authority has also introduced several editorial amendments to improve the wording, clarity and readability of the First Amendment Proposal, while preserving the intended meaning of the content and aligned the First Amendment Proposal on the editorial amendments made by ACER in its Decision No. 04/2024 for the EU.

6.2.2. Legal assessment and amendments of the Second Amendment Proposal

6.2.2.1. *Assessment of the Second Amendment Proposal in view of the legal requirements*

- (60) The Second Amendment Proposal fulfils the requirements of Article 9(6)(b), Article 9(13) and Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation, as the Norwegian TSO and the EU TSOs jointly developed it and the Norwegian TSO has submitted it to RME, which has in turn submitted it to the Authority for decision.
- (61) The Second Amendment Proposal assigns each additional bidding zone border to a specific CCR and extends the list of TSOs in a CCR. However, it misses to assign all relevant terms, conditions and methodologies to the bidding zone borders of CCR ECE, by defining the CCR only for the day-ahead timeframe. The Second Amendment Proposal therefore only partially fulfils the requirements of Article 15(2) of the CACM Regulation. The Authority's amendments in this respect are outlined in Section 6.2.2.2.
- (62) The Second Amendment Proposal regarding the further merger of CCR Core and CCR Italy North into the CCR CE and the inclusion of the bidding zone borders between the EU TSOs of Member States neighbouring the EnC CP and the EnC CP TSOs was publicly consulted via ENTSO-E's web-based consultation between 14 May 2025 and 14 June 2025. A summary of comments received during the public consultations has been submitted in an Annex to the explanatory document which was submitted to the Authority together with the Proposal. The document explains

how stakeholders' views have been taken into consideration and provides reasons where they have not been taken into account. ENTSO-E has published stakeholders' submissions, as detailed above in recital (20). Therefore, the Authority considers that the Second Amendment Proposal meets the requirements of Article 12 of the CACM Regulation and complies with Article 9(13) of the same Regulation.

- (63) The Second Amendment Proposal meets the requirements of Article 9(9) on the inclusion of a proposed timescale for implementation, as, read in conjunction with Article 12 of the CCR methodology, it is to be implemented as from the Authority's decision and subject to and as soon as the Norwegian energy regulatory authority has taken the subsequent decision on implementation in Norwegian law.
- (64) The recitals of the Second Amendment Proposal describe the expected impact of the CCRs on the objectives listed in Article 3 of the CACM Regulation. The Second Amendment Proposal therefore meets the requirement of Article 9(9) of the CACM Regulation.

6.2.2.2. *The Authority's assessment and revision of the Second Amendment Proposal*

- (65) The Second Amendment Proposal relates to the future merger of CCR Core and CCR Italy North into the CCR CE, the inclusion of the bidding zone borders between EU TSOs in Member States neighbouring the EnC CP and the EnC CP TSOs and the transposition of the *acquis* by EnC CP:
 - The Second Amendment Proposal extends the scope of the CCR CE to include the intraday capacity calculation methodology in accordance with Article 21 of the CACM Regulation, the methodology for regional operational security coordination in accordance with Article 76 of the SO Regulation, the methodology for coordinated redispatching and countertrading in accordance with Article 35 of the CACM Regulation and the methodology for redispatching and countertrading cost sharing in accordance with Article 74 of the CACM Regulation.
 - The bidding zone borders between the EU TSOs and the EnC CP TSOs and between the EnC CP TSOs are included into the CCR methodology, which is in accordance with Annex I of the EnC CACM Regulation, which defines three CCRs for the EnC CP TSOs: CCR Shadow South-East Europe, CCR ITME and CCR EE.
- (66) While these provisions are strictly speaking not relevant for Norway, they reflect the need to have homogeneous terms and conditions for the entire interconnected market, based on a proposal from all TSOs, including Statnett.
- (67) As a consequence, and bearing in mind the need to ensure homogeneity, the Authority amended the relevant provisions in the Second Amendment Proposal in line with the changes made by ACER in its Decision No. 10/2025 for the EU, and detailed in that ACER Decision. The Authority therefore:
 - amended Article 11 of the Second Amendment Proposal to define the CCR SEE with bidding zone border RO-EMS included, for a reconfiguration that will help ensuring that all TSOs can meet their obligations, as the most affected TSO, Transelectrica, would have to participate in one CCR less;
 - added paragraph (2) in Article 11 of the Second Amendment Proposal, in which it is defined that upon fulfilment of the conditions referred to accession of CCR ECE borders to the CCR CE, also the bidding zone border RO-EMS shall be attributed to the CCR CE, simultaneously with the bidding zone borders of the CCR ECE;

- deleted in Article 11a of the Second Amendment Proposal the word “*temporary*” from the name of the CCR ECE;
- deleted in Article 11a of the Second Amendment Proposal the paragraph defining the CCR ECE as applicable only to the day-ahead timeframe;
- added paragraph (4) to Article 11 of the Second Amendment Proposal, which provides that the concerned bidding zone border shall be considered as part of the CCR SEE upon the commissioning of the planned interconnection line;
- added in Article 13 of the Second Amendment Proposal: (i) paragraph (4), defining preconditions for CCR ECE borders and the border RO-EMS to be included in CCR CE, (ii) paragraph (5), which defines an obligation on all TSOs to submit an implementation plan, duly justified by an efficiency analysis, on the inclusion of the bidding zone border between Italy and Montenegro in one of the neighbouring CCRs, and specifying that applying advanced hybrid coupling from the side of the CCR CE shall also be considered, (iii) paragraph (6), by which the TSOs are requested to submit an amendment of the CCR methodology including an implementation plan enabling the gradual integration of the bidding zone borders and relevant TSOs from at least the CCR SEE into the CCR CE;
- aligned the names of bidding zones and bidding zone borders related to EnC CP in accordance with the nomenclature of the CCR methodology;
- deleted, for all EnC CCRs, the provision setting out that their effectiveness is conditional upon the full transposition of the EU *acquis*;
- removed the list of the TSOs which are subject to this methodology and instead amended paragraph (3) of Article 1 of the Second Amendment Proposal to clarify the application for Norway.

6.2.2.3. Other amendments

- (68) In Article 1 of the Second Amendment Proposal, the Authority replaced the words ‘Member States’ by ‘EEA States’.
- (69) The Authority removed paragraph (2) of Article 3 of the Second Amendment Proposal, which specified the condition for NO4-FI bidding zone border to become part of the CCR Nordic, as it is no longer relevant, as that border was included in single day-ahead coupling (‘SDAC’) in 2024.
- (70) The Authority has also introduced several editorial amendments to improve the wording, clarity and readability of the Second Amendment Proposal, while preserving the intended meaning of the content and aligning for homogeneity on the amendments made by ACER in its Decision No. 10/2025 for the EU.

7 CONCLUSION

- (71) For the above reasons, the Authority considers that the amendments detailed in section 6 are necessary to ensure that the Amendment Proposals are in line with the requirements and the objectives of the CACM Regulation, as well as to improve the editorial quality.
- (72) Therefore, the Authority approves the Amendment Proposals subject to the necessary substantive and editorial amendments. Annex I and Annex II to this Decision set out the amendments to the CCR methodology for Norway, as amended and approved by the Authority.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

1. This Decision applies to Norway.
2. The amendments of the CCR methodology for Norway, pursuant to Article 15 of the CACM Regulation, are approved as set out in Annex I and Annex II to this Decision. Annex I and Annex II form an integral part of this Decision.
3. This Decision is addressed to RME.
4. This Decision enters into force upon notification to RME.
5. This Decision is authentic in the English language.

Done at Brussels,

For the EFTA Surveillance Authority

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