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# Guidelines for Moldova Power Market

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Moldova Power Market is designed to implement a competitive system for the economic purchase and sale of electricity which is centered on a market for bilateral power contracts, supplemented by a balancing market, and supported by system security and ancillary services procured by the System Operator.
- 1.2. Under rules established by market participants, the System Operator administers Participants' bilateral contracts, manages a balancing market to assure the matching of resources to load requirements and also provides market coordination and reliability services.
- 1.3. These Guidelines describe the fundamental relationships among Power Market Participants, and between Participants and other related entities that will form the basis for market operations and the development of more detailed rules and procedures required for market implementation.
- 1.4. These Guidelines are issued by authority of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) and anticipate the creation of a "Moldova Power Market Members Agreement", which will establish the formal, legal relationships among Participants and other entities engaged in power market activities as described in these Guidelines and the Market Rules and Procedures referenced below.
- 1.5. The market framework described in these Guidelines will be implemented with the development and formal adoption of the following documents (collectively referred to as "Market Rules and Procedures"):
  - 1.5.1. Power Market Rules - See Annex 1.

Principles and procedures which govern all market transactions, commercial relationships among Participants and obligations imposed on Participants to meet established reliability standards.
  - 1.5.2. Operating Procedures for Market Implementation - See Annex 2.

Administrative procedures required to implement and support the Power Market Rules.

1.5.3. System Rules and Regulations - See Annex 3.

Technical requirements affecting the physical facilities necessary to implement the Power Market in compliance with established standards of service adequacy, quality and reliability, including:

- a) Configuration and operation of the high voltage transmission system;
- b) Specifications for facilities interconnected with the transmission system;
- c) Standards applicable to metering and communications equipment; and
- d) Analysis of system expansion requirements in response to Participants' planned future resource additions and estimates of changes in consumer demands.

1.6. Until December 31, 2003, Power Market "Participants" (or "Market Members") are licensees who sell and/or buy electricity in the Power Market and hold licenses for:

- a) Generation; and
- b) Supply of electric energy at regulated tariffs;

1.7. Beginning with January 1, 2004 or such later date as ANRE may determine, participation in the power market shall be expanded to include entities holding a license for the supply of electric energy at non-regulated tariffs.

1.8. Other power sector entities that provide services in the market (such as transmission and dispatch services) required for the proper functioning of the Power Market are not defined as Participants. However, during the transition period until January 1, 2001, Moldtranselectro (in its capacity as the "System Operator") may also act as a supplier of last resort, providing electricity to the regulated Suppliers under provisions contained in its dispatch license.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF POWER MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

The fundamental objectives for the Power Market in Moldova are to:

2.1. Provide all retail customers with a continuous, adequate and reliable supply of electricity at reasonable prices.

- 2.2. Operate the Power System in accordance with the requirements of a market-based economy, providing clear, transparent, non-discriminatory information and procedural rules to all Participants or potential Participants.
- 2.3. Improve the financial condition of the electricity sector by requiring the full settlement of invoices due among sector entities, thereby providing incentives to suppliers to obtain payments from consumers on a timely basis.
- 2.4. Enhance Moldova's energy security by creating market conditions which avoid the accumulation of energy debts through prompt payments to primary fuel and energy suppliers;
- 2.5. Provide an orderly, disciplined electricity market which will help to attract foreign direct investment to enable Moldova to obtain needed resources from private capital markets.
- 2.6. Establish a rule-based system to facilitate the purchase and sale of reliable electricity supplies, subject to continuing regulatory oversight and review.
- 2.7. Encourage competitive, more efficient supply markets by permitting each Supplier to optimize its electric resource mix by selling, purchasing or exchanging resources through bilateral contracts.
- 2.8. Assure reliable and economic operation of Moldova's bulk power supply system through central dispatch of all power resources, including imports and exports of electricity, to achieve lowest costs consistent with security of supply .
- 2.9. Establish an energy accounting settlements system which will accurately measure system energy flows during each hour and, subsequently, divide the total amount among Participants by direct assignment of contract quantities or by other established allocation rules, recording the results in individual accounts maintained for each Participant.
- 2.10. With respect to Balancing Market or Ancillary Services administered by the System Operator, establish an independent Market Funds Administrator to collect amounts due from Participants for these services and to disburse payments to Participants or other entities which provide such services.
- 2.11. Provide non-discriminatory, open access to the power network by all Participants by establishing transparent connection, operating and administrative procedures.
- 2.12. Provide a framework that will permit consumers to choose their electricity supplier from among competitive suppliers.

### **3. PRINCIPLES OF THE POWER MARKET**

- 3.1. Power Market Participants must hold licenses issued by ANRE.
- 3.2. Power Market Participants must comply with Market Rules and Procedures.
- 3.3. The governance of the Power Market shall be structured and implemented in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner which provides for the full participation and contribution of all Participants.
- 3.4. Power Market Participants shall be permitted the greatest possible freedom to make their own commercial decisions consistent with Power Market objectives and principles.
- 3.5. Market Rules and Procedures must not provide an opportunity for any Participant to abuse the energy market to the detriment of other Participants or consumers and provide the means to detect and correct any such improper activities.
- 3.6. All Suppliers are required to pay for transmission, dispatch and/or distribution services in accordance with tariffs approved by ANRE.
- 3.7. Technical and operational information concerning Transmission facilities shall be made available to all Participants.
- 3.8. Dispatch operations shall be coordinated with the national electric power systems of neighboring countries.
- 3.9. The Power Market should provide correct price signals to resource providers and stimulate efficient resource use.

### **4. POWER MARKET PARTICIPANTS**

- 4.1. All entities that hold licenses issued by ANRE for generation or supply at regulated tariffs must become Market Members (or "Participants"). At such time as participation in the market is extended to non-regulated tariff licensees, all such licensees must also become Market Members.
- 4.2. An eligible licensee shall become a Participant upon the effective date of its license.
- 4.3. Other power sector entities that provide services in the market (such as the System Operator and the Transmission Provider) required for the proper functioning of the Power

Market as well as foreign entities engaged in the import or export of electricity who do not hold a license issued by ANRE shall be not be eligible to become Participants.

- 4.4. All Participants shall comply with all Power Market Rules And Procedures as adopted by the Market Board from time to time and approved by ANRE.
- 4.5. In all matters which require decisions based on the votes of Participants, each Participant shall have a number of votes equivalent to: a) Participant's volume of market transactions as measured in KWh at the transmission level during the most recent twelve month period; divided by b) the total volume of such market transactions by all Participants; multiplied by 1000. Unless otherwise decided by a 2/3rds vote of Participants, all matters shall be decided by majority vote.
- 4.6. There shall be an Annual Meeting of Participants each year during the first quarter at a date to be determined by the Market Board. Participants by vote at the Annual Meeting may elect to hold additional meetings during the course of the year. All meetings shall be open to public and media attendance.
- 4.7. At its meetings, Participants may consider any matters related to the Power Market and adopt resolutions or take such other actions as may be within their authority and which are not expressly delegated to the Market Board pursuant to Power Market Rules.

## **5. GOVERNANCE**

- 5.1. The Power Market shall be governed by a Market Board consisting of:
  - a) One voting Director appointed by each Participant holding either a Generation License or a Regulated Supply License;
  - b) One voting Director elected by Participants holding a Non-Regulated Supply License, provided such Participant has engaged in energy transactions aggregating at least 5,000,000 Kwh during the past twelve month period, voting as a group in accordance with the provisions for Participant voting<sup>1</sup>; and
  - c) One non-voting Director representing the Department of Energy.
- 5.2. Voting Directors shall be officers or senior executives of a Participant.
- 5.3. At the first meeting of Participants held after January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter, Participants shall decide by vote the number of voting Directors to be elected to the Market Board for the ensuing twelve month period.

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<sup>1</sup> This provision becomes effective not sooner than January 1, 2004.

- 5.4. Each voting Director of the Market Board shall have one vote, which may be cast in person by the Director or the Director's designated alternate or by another person pursuant to a written proxy dated not more than one month previous to the meeting and delivered to the secretary of the Market Board at or prior to the meeting at which the proxy vote is cast.
- 5.5. The adoption of actions by the Market Board shall require affirmative votes by voting Directors aggregating at least 60% of the number of votes which the voting Directors in attendance at a meeting at which a quorum is present are entitled to cast. A majority of the voting Directors at any time shall constitute a quorum.
- 5.6. At its annual meeting, the Market Board shall elect from its voting Directors a Chair and a Vice-Chair; it shall also elect a secretary who need not be a Director. These officers shall have the powers and duties usually incident to such offices, such as conducting a meeting, making procedural decisions, taking and preparing minutes, etc.
- 5.7. The Market Board shall hold its annual meeting during the first calendar quarter and subsequent to the Annual Meeting of Participants at such a time and place as the Chair shall designate and shall hold other meetings in accordance with a schedule adopted by the Market Board. All meetings shall be open to public and media attendance.
- 5.8. The Market Board shall have the duty and requisite authority to administer, enforce and interpret the provisions of the Power Market Rules in order to accomplish the objectives of the Market Rules, including making any decision or determination necessary to implement Market Rules, unless such authority is expressly delegated to others.
- 5.9. The Market Board shall supervise the preparation and adoption of Operating Procedures for Market Implementation and System Rules and Regulations.
- 5.10. The Market Board shall have the authority, after consultations with other wholesale power market committees, if any, and the System Operator, to establish or approve consistent standards with respect to any aspect of arrangements between Participants and non-Participants, which it determines may be necessary to protect the reliability of Moldova power system, and to review such arrangements to determine compliance with such standards.
- 5.11. The Market Board, or its designee, shall have the authority to act on behalf of all Participants in carrying out any action properly taken pursuant to the provisions of the Market Rules. Without limiting the foregoing general authority, the Market Board, or its designee, shall have the authority on behalf of all Participants to file with the ANRE and

other appropriate bodies Market Rules and documents amending or supplementing Market Rules, including Operating Procedures for Market Implementation and System Rules and Regulations. The Market Board shall, in addition, have the authority to represent the collective interests of Participants in proceedings before the ANRE.

- 5.12. The Market Board shall have the duty and requisite authority to provide for the sharing by Participants, on such basis as the Market Board may deem appropriate, of payments and costs which are not otherwise reimbursed under these Market Rules and which are incurred by Participants or under arrangements with non-Participants and approved or authorized by the Market Board as necessary in order to meet or avoid short-term deficiencies in the amount of resources available to meet Moldova power system's reliability objectives.
- 5.13. The Market Board shall have the power and authority to establish committees and working groups, subordinated to the Market Board, to provide oversight and review of various areas of market activities at the Market Board's direction.
- 5.14. The Market Board shall have the duty and requisite authority to act on appeals to it from the actions of other committees, if any, and to appoint a special committee to administer the alternate dispute resolution procedures or to take any other action if it determines that such action is necessary or appropriate to achieve a prompt resolution of disputes.
- 5.15. Any Participant may appeal to ANRE any action taken by the Market Board. Any Participant that is aggrieved by an action of the Market Board and elects not to appeal to ANRE may submit the disputed matter for resolution by arbitration as provided in Market Rules.

## **6. MARKET PARTICIPATION AND OPERATIONS**

- 6.1. The Power Market must integrate the operations of all sector entities: the three combined heat and power plants (CHPs), Moldtranselectro (dispatch and transmission services; operation of a small hydro station), five distribution companies (low voltage network services and regulated tariff supply) and independent suppliers (non-regulated tariff suppliers) when these entities become Participants in the future.

- 6.2. Moldtranelectro, as holder of both transmission and dispatch licenses, shall be responsible for:
- 6.2.1. Developing initial Market Rules and Procedures pursuant to its license conditions, through a process which must include full participation by Participants, which will become effective upon review and approval by ANRE.
  - 6.2.2. Operating the high voltage transmission system efficiently and reliably.
  - 6.2.3. Balancing resources and loads within system technical limitations and operating constraints imposed by the capabilities and configurations of system facilities.
  - 6.2.4. Consistent with Market Rules, Engaging in a bilateral power contract, or contracts, with a reliable utility or power system for Balancing Power and Ancillary Services to assure that, after taking into account the bilateral contracts executed directly by Suppliers, adequate system resources will be available to meet overall power system needs.
  - 6.2.5. Identifying promptly, and relieving through appropriate actions, transmission or other operational constraints that impede efficient market operations.
  - 6.2.6. Adopting and enforcing strict conflict of interest standards to prevent any of its directors or employees from holding or obtaining any direct financial interests in the economic performance of any market Participant.
- 6.3. Small power producers operating in parallel with the system and delivering by-product electricity to local networks during limited periods of the year shall be free to sell their electricity under bilateral contracts directly to the local regulated Supplier or, by paying applicable distribution fees, to other regulated or unregulated Suppliers of their choice. Generally, such small power producers would not utilize the high voltage transmission grid or dispatch services and, therefore, no fees for these services would attach to these sales.

## **7. OPERATIONS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD**

- 7.1. During the period from the present until January 1, 2001, (referred to as the "Transition Period"), Regulated Supply Licensees shall be encouraged to negotiate and sign bilateral power supply contracts in order to meet all or some of the power supply needs of their customers, minimizing the need to purchase supplies from Moldtranelectro.
- 7.2. During the Transition Period, Moldtranelectro will be responsible for assuring that adequate electricity supplies are available as the Power Market evolves from its historic reliance on Moldtranelectro to arrange for all power supplies for the entire power sector

to a desegregated, contract-based, competitive market system in which Participants are responsible for their own supply arrangements and Moldtranselectro provides transmission and dispatch services for Participants.

- 7.3. Moldtranselectro, acting in its capacity as System Operator, shall:
- a) Develop transitional Market Rules and Procedures;
  - b) Provide any assistance needed by Licensees to arrange bilateral contracts for the supply of electric energy to satisfy their service requirements starting no later than January 1, 2001.
  - c) Contract with Ukraine, Romania, MoldovskayaGRES and any other power provider for Balancing Power and Ancillary Services.

## **8. OPERATIONS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2001**

- 8.1. Electricity resources, including imported supplies, shall be provided through bilateral power contracts between electricity producers and regulated tariff suppliers.
- 8.2. Power produced by the Contesti hydropower plant, a run-of-river, low cost resource owned by Moldtranselectro, shall be allocated in proportion to actual loads in any hour to each regulated Supplier.
- 8.3. Each power purchaser may negotiate bi-lateral contracts with the MGRES thermal power plant located in TransDnistria, with the Power Market in Ukraine, or the Power Market in Romania (the latter requiring an electrical separation of facilities from Moldova's Power System). Supply from these sources will also depend on appropriate transmission arrangements from the power plant to the interconnection with Moldtranselectro. All cross-border contracts must comply with any relevant international trade laws and applicable regulations of the Republic of Moldova.
- 8.4. Regulated suppliers may contract with any independent power producers who construct new generation facilities in or adjacent to Moldova. As stated in license conditions, prices paid for electricity which is used to serve the customers of regulated tariff suppliers remain subject to ANRE's regulatory oversight.
- 8.5. Each regulated Supplier shall secure resources to meet its loads or other service requirements of the Power Market through bilateral power contracts. The System Operator through its Central Dispatch service will administer these power contracts to satisfy the needs of the Power System in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures.

- 8.6. The costs and benefits of measures undertaken by the System Operator to assure system security and reliability shall be apportioned among all Participants in an equitable manner in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures.

## **9. SCHEDULING, DISPATCHING, AND REPORTING**

- 9.1. The Dispatch Center is responsible for energy load forecasting, resource scheduling and actual real-time dispatching of energy resources to meet system loads, as defined and described in Market Rules and Procedures.
- 9.2. The Dispatch Center will dispatch system resources in the following general manner:
- a) In accordance with information provided by Suppliers for the next day's dispatch, resources under contract (including contracts of short, medium and long term duration) will be dispatched in the amount and in the sequence specified by each Supplier without regard to price;
  - b) Each supplier shall provide capacity and associated prices for contract entitlements which the System Operator would use to supply any energy deficiencies during any hour in accordance with the Balancing Market rules;
  - c) When the total contract entitlements of Suppliers in not sufficient to meet total load requirements in any hour, the System Operator will dispatch in economic order the resources available for such Balancing Market purposes; and
  - d) The System Operator shall adjust the basic dispatch algorithm as needed to provide ancillary services needed to comply with system security, reliability and service quality standards.
- 9.3. The Dispatch Center is responsible for issuing operational instructions to the generation companies, any independent power providers, marketers, and other energy providers in accordance with its authority as specified in Market Rules and Procedures.
- 9.4. All Dispatch Center decisions should reflect a transparent decision process and its orders shall be recorded in writing and available for review by Participants and ANRE.
- 9.5. All Participants shall be responsible for providing to the Dispatch Center such information as it may reasonably require to perform its responsibilities in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures.

- 9.6. Market Rules and Procedures shall include safeguards to protect the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.
- 9.7. Participants will have the right to dispute any contested matter with the Dispatch Center, and the Dispatch Center shall be required to provide a clear explanation of its actions together with relevant citations to Market Rules and Procedures.
- 9.8. The Dispatch Center will be authorized to override commercial and economic criteria used to balance supply and demand and satisfy normal system operating criteria if emergency conditions make it is necessary to take actions to protect system reliability and security. Such actions must be taken only to prevent, or to respond to, emergency situations as specified in the Operating Procedures. A written report shall be prepared by the Dispatch Center within 48 hours for each such incident and distributed to all Participants and ANRE.
- 9.9. The Dispatch Center will recommend appropriate communication and information technologies required for obtaining meter readings and other control data from transmission system ties with neighboring systems and system interconnection points with Participants.
- 9.10. The Dispatch Center shall provide complete information regarding actual Power Market transactions as may be required by the Settlements Center.

## **10. SETTLEMENTS CENTER**

- 10.1. The System Operator will establish a “Settlements Center” that shall be responsible for:
  - a) Actual energy flow accounting (based on the collection and verification of metering information);
  - b) The identification of billing quantities required to facilitate financial settlements between Participants and third party suppliers as a result of actual market operations; and
  - c) The preparation on a timely basis of Power Market settlement reports and Participant invoices with respect to services provided by the System Operator.
- 10.2. The Settlements Center function involves the collection and verification of metering information needed by Participants for billing purposes, including:
  - a) The production of generation companies;
  - b) Imports and exports;

- c) Interconnection point energy flows; and
  - d) Energy delivered to Suppliers.
- 10.3. The Settlements Center shall:
- a) Determine and analyze on an hourly basis the energy balance in the Power Market, including the amount of energy flowing into the Power System from each resource provider and the amount and source of power purchased by each Supplier;
  - b) Determine system transmission losses and makes appropriate allocations to Suppliers;
  - c) Prepare and submit to Participants and ANRE detailed statements of all energy transactions in the Power Market; and
  - d) Calculate Participants' obligations to pay for balancing power, ancillary or other services provided by the Market Operator in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures approved by ANRE.

## **11. MARKET FUNDS ADMINISTRATION**

- 11.1. A system of market funds administration will be established to clear monetary transactions resulting from services provided by the Market Operator on behalf of Participants. Bilateral contracts will be settled directly by Participants based on data concerning energy flows provided by the Settlements Center.
- 11.2. An independent, private commercial bank in Moldova (the "Market Funds Administrator") shall be selected by Participants to conduct the administration of market funds in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures approved by ANRE.
- 11.3. The Market Funds Administrator will collect amounts due from Participants for market services received in the Balancing Market and amounts due for Ancillary Services, both as administered by the System Operator. Amounts paid to the Market Funds Administrator shall be disbursed in like amount to Participants or other entities that provide such services on a timely basis, as provided in Market Rules and Procedures.
- 11.4. The service costs of the Market Funds Administrator shall be apportioned among all Participants in accordance with Market Rules and Procedures;
- 11.5. Participants will be required to meet minimum credit worthiness standards and may be required to provide cash payment security through commercial credit resources adequate

to meet their anticipated market obligations, all as provided in Market Rules and Procedures.

## **12. TRANSMISSION SERVICES**

### **12.1. Access and Pricing:**

12.1.1. Moldtranelectro provides open-access, non-discriminatory transmission services under its license as an independent, regulated service provider (“Transmission

12.1.2. The Transmission Operator provides information regarding the physical status of the transmission system, transmission capacity and the cost for providing transmission service.

12.1.3. The Transmission Operator operates and maintains the interconnected transmission facilities in close cooperation and coordination with the Dispatch Center.

12.1.4. Each Supplier shall enter into a service agreement with the Transmission Operator for transmission service, which shall be approved by ANRE. The detailed requirements related to transmission service shall be included in Market Rules and Procedures.

### **12.2. Transmission Connection Arrangements:**

12.2.1. Each Participant connected to the transmission system must sign a network connection agreement. This agreement will stipulate, among other items: the metering specifications, meter location, default remedies, access to read, test and maintain the meters, other required electrical equipment, and emergency interruption provisions.

12.2.2. Requests for new connections shall be made through an application to the Transmission Operator, who will analyze the request for a new connection on a timely basis and inform the applicant as to the cost of the connection, construction duration expected and estimated date for energizing the facilities.

12.2.3. For connections which will require system upgrades, the utility will allocate the costs of the upgrades between specific costs necessary for the new connection and costs which produce benefits for the overall system (these costs to be included in the revenue requirements for transmission service). The customer will compensate the service provider for the allocated cost of the new connection, but

the new facilities (up to the customer's delivery point) will remain in the ownership of the service provider.

12.2.4. As provided in transmission license conditions, ANRE will regulate the terms and conditions of service connections and costs to be paid.

### **13. REGULATION**

- 13.1. The primary instrument of electricity regulation is ANRE's statutory authority to issue mandatory licenses to all entities engaged in generation, transmission, central dispatch, distribution, and both regulated and non-regulated supply.
- 13.2. ANRE is responsible for the approval of all tariffs for services provided by regulated tariff suppliers, as provided in licenses.
- 13.3. The retail tariff formula approved by ANRE for regulated tariff licensees provides for a price based on aggregating the approved tariffs of all upstream service providers together with provisions for the recovery of purchased power costs. ANRE will implement a "price cap" approach with a three year review cycle to transmission and distribution network, dispatch services and regulated supply licensees' tariffs and provide an incentive mechanism to encourage competition for the acquisition of lowest cost purchased power resources. Tariffs will be adjusted for inflation and exchange rate impacts on real prices in accordance with procedures adopted by ANRE.
- 13.4. ANRE has responsibility for the protection of consumer interests, including assuring a high quality of electricity service.
- 13.5. ANRE regulates the Power Market through its authority to approve Market Rules and Procedures in accordance with license conditions. It is responsible for market oversight and general supervision to ensure that Power Market operations are consistent with ANRE's statutory responsibilities. ANRE will require current information about the activities of each Participant for the prior settlement period, which will be provided by the Settlements Center. ANRE will review and analyze this information and, as necessary and useful, hold public hearings to determine whether the Power Market is operating according to the Market Rules and Procedures and to consider any proposed changes.
- 13.6. ANRE will participate with the Department of Energy and other GOM entities in monitoring and analyzing plans for significant, new investments in electricity production and transmission facilities consistent with its responsibility, subsequent to the

construction of new facilities, to review and approve prices paid for supply resources and/or system network facilities used to provide electricity to consumers.

## **14. CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- 14.1. Any dispute between Participants concerning a matter arising from Market Rules and Procedures may be referred to ANRE for resolution as follows:
- a) The dispute will be assigned to ANRE staff for informal review and mediation;
  - b) If staff mediation fails, ANRE will hold a formal hearing to resolve the dispute;
  - c) A party dissatisfied with a decision of ANRE may appeal to the courts.
- 14.2. Disputes arising from bilateral contracts between Participants would be settled in accordance with specific provisions included in such contracts or, in the absence of a dispute resolution provision, disputes would be resolved in the courts.
- For example, a provision to resolve disputes through binding international arbitration is a common feature in power contracts involving private foreign investors.
- 14.3. ANRE retains authority to review and approve the results of any dispute resolution process as it may affect the price and quality of regulated tariff services.

## 15. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following list includes definitions for terms used in the text with initial capital letters to designate specific usage and meaning. Some of these were also defined in the text for clarity.

ANRE	National Agency for Energy Regulation.
Dispatch Center	A division of the System Operator which schedules and dispatches system resources to meet electric load requirements and to assure reliable system operations.
License	Authorization granted by ANRE to participate in the Power Market.
Licensees	Entities holding a License.
Power Market Rules	Principles and Procedures which govern all market transactions, commercial relationships among Participants and obligations imposed on Participants to meet established reliability standards.
Market Funds Administrator	An independent, private commercial bank in Moldova which administers payments for Power Market services.
Market Rules and Procedures	Term used for convenience to refer to all of the documents governing the Power Market: Power Market Rules, Operating Procedures for Market Implementation and System Rules and Regulations.
Operating Procedures for Market Implementation	Administrative procedures required to implement and support the Power Market Rules.
Participants	Licensees who sell and/or buy electricity in the Power Market and hold licenses for generation or supply of electric energy at regulated tariffs. Licensees who hold non-regulated tariff licenses may become Participants subsequent to December 31, 2003.
Power Market	Commercial arrangements for the purchase and sale of electricity in the Power System which are governed by Market Rules and Procedures.
Power System	The facilities in Moldova which are used to generate, transmit, distribute and provide electric service to consumers in Moldova.
Settlements Center	The organization which performs energy flow analysis, accounting and reporting on behalf of the System Operator.
Supplier	Entity which holds either a regulated tariff supply License or a non-regulated tariff supply License.
System Operator	Moldtranselectro acting in its capacity as the entity holding the license for central dispatch services.

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System Rules and Regulations	Technical requirements affecting the physical facilities necessary to implement the Power Market in compliance with established standards of service adequacy, quality and reliability.
Transmission Provider	Moldtranselectro acting in its capacity as the entity holding the license for transmission services.

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