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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ECRB MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Please find enclosed the minutes of the 1st ECRB meeting held in Athens on December 11, 2006.

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MINUTES OF THE 1ST ECRB MEETING

1. The 1st ECRB meeting held in Athens on December 11.

2. Quorum was achieved. In addition to the Contracting Parties Regulators, the ERGEG chairman, the Italian, Greek, Hungarian, Cypriot and Italian Regulators as well as representatives of the Austrian, German and Turkish regulators attended the meeting.

3. The Vice President (Mr. Hilbrecht) suggested electing the President as soon as the procedure for the election of the President laid down in Article 3 is agreed. The ECRB agreed.

4. Discussion on the Internal Rules of Procedure

   4a. The ECRB reviewed Articles 1 to 8 of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

   4b. The ECRB agreed the procedure to elect the President with secret ballot.

   4c. The Vice President called for the election of the ECRB President.

5. Election of the ECRB president.

   5a. The Energy Community Secretariat Director proposed Mr Slave Ivanovski to be a candidate for the ECRB presidency.

   5b. The Vice-President of the ECRB asked the Members if they wish to bring forward another candidate. This proposal was seconded by all Contracting Parties Regulators. The European Commission also agreed with this proposal.

   5c. No other candidacy was brought forward.

   5d. A vote was taken by secret ballot (no abstentions).

   5e. Mr. Ivanovski was unanimously elected President.

   5f. The Procedural Act on the appointment of the ECRB president signed by the Vice President, will be circulated to the ECRB members, Participants, ERGEG, and Observers and to the Energy Community Treaty Institutions and posted on the Secretariat's website.

6. The President and the Vice-President went on to finish the review of the internal rules. The Commission will, in the light of the comments and the discussions, draft a new version.

7. Discussion on the ECRB indicative work plan for 2007 was undertaken.

   7a. The ECRB agreed the principle tasks with regards to the work plan for 2007. These are related to cross border electricity issues, cross border gas issues and Customer Protection. The ECRB established three working groups to carry out the work.

   7b. ERGEG nominated candidates for the chairs of the three working groups:

   Working Group on cross border electricity issues: Mr. Nenad Stefanovic

   Working Group on cross border gas issues: Mr. Michalis Thomadakis

   Working Group on Customer protection: Mrs Andrea Brandstaetter.

   The ECRB agreed by acclamation.

   7c. The President invited comments on the draft work plan before the end of the year.

   7d. The President and the Vice President will put forward a consolidated version for consideration at the 2nd ECRB meeting.

8. Organisational issues

   8a. The Commission will circulate the revised version of the rules of procedure as soon as possible.

   8b. The President requested the assistance of the Commission services until the relevant Secretariat staff is appointed. The Commission agreed.

   8c. The ECRB urged the Secretariat to proceed with recruitment of staff to carry out the ECRB tasks. The Commission put a reserve on issues that may have a budgetary implication.

9. The 2nd ECRB meeting will be held on March 1, 2007.