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More TSOs to safeguard Central Europe's energy security

- Two additional TSOs (ELES and HEP-TSO) to join the
 Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation ("TSC")
- MAVIR as a third TSO is on track to join TSC
- 14 companies responsible for providing a safe electricity supply to more than 185 million European citizens commit to improve security of electricity supply across Europe

Two additional European TSOs are joining the Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation ("TSC"): ELES (Slovenia) and HEP-TSO (Croatia). HEP-TSO has reached the observer status in April 2010, ELES has signed the Accession Agreement backdated to the 1st of August. MAVIR from Hungary is optimistic to finalize the legal steps to become a full member during this year.

The enlargement of the TSC-group enables a higher level of security of the Central European electricity network from the North to the Adriatic Sea. This is another important step towards further improving the security of the power grids throughout Europe. All companies involved are committed to providing more than 185 million citizens with a secure electricity supply.

TSC is the result of intense and highly important cooperative efforts by several TSOs in Central Europe. The regional initiative strives to foster security of supply within the participating countries and throughout Europe. With the common goal of enhancing overall system security, TSC harmonises perfectly with other intra-European security initiatives.

TSO Security Cooperation

The Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation ("TSC") was launched in December 2008 as an initiative with a decentralized approach to foster regional

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European cooperation for system security in the countries concerned and in the whole of Europe. Its members are VERBUND - Austrian Power Grid, Tiwag Netz, VKW Netz (Austria), HEP-TPS (Croatia), ČEPS (Czech Republic), 50Hertz Transmission, Amprion, EnBW Transportnetze, transpower (Germany), Mavir (Hungary), TenneT TSO (The Netherlands), PSE Operator (Poland), ELES (Slovenia) and swissgrid (Switzerland). The involved TSOs set up the "TSO System Security Cooperation" with a permanent TSO Security Panel (group of security experts), new cooperation tools for Control Centres and a common IT platform CTDS for data exchange and performing common security assessments. TSC's main goal is to ensure the overall system security of the European network, an area with more than 185 million citizens, and is open to the participation of other TSOs.

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