



Press Release

Prague, 14th June 2024

Deployment of Intraday Auctions and Changes Related to the Planned Transition to a 15-minute Settlement Period

OTE, a.s. is pleased to announce that **on Thursday 13th June 2024 the Intraday Electricity Auctions ('IDA') has been deployed**. This important step was achieved in cooperation with other Nominated Electricity Market Operators ('NEMOs') and Transmission System Operators ('TSOs') across Europe.

Intraday auctions were deployed correctly in the OTE system. However, as part of the international project, the launch was accompanied by technical difficulties in the local systems of foreign NEMOs, which were subsequently removed and the second and third intraday auctions for the first delivery day of 14th June 2024 took place according to the procedures.

As of yesterday, the pricing of intraday transmission capacity through Intraday Auctions is part of the Single Intraday Coupling ('SIDC'), which until now has been based on a continuous trading method. IDAs represent implicit auctions that effectively allocate available intraday transmission capacity to individual bidding zones so that the obtained prices of intraday cross-border capacities in individual bidding zones reflect their shortage at a given time and thus send an adequate price signal to the market. Intraday electricity auctions therefore enable traders to respond quickly to current changes in electricity supply and demand, thereby promote effective competition in electricity production, trading and supply. At the same time, the EUPHEMIA calculation algorithm ensures that the capacity of the participating network elements is not exceeded, thus increase the stability and reliability of the electrical network. Intraday Auctions also enable the integration of renewable energy sources.

From 13th June 2024, IDAs are held as three EU-wide auctions at 15:00 (D-1 on D delivery day), 22:00 (D-1 on D delivery) and 10:00 (D).

"We are proud to have successfully implemented this important project together with our partners. Intraday auctions will significantly contribute to the efficient functioning of the electricity market and support the stability of the electricity system in the Czech Republic and throughout Europe." says Michal Puchel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of OTE, a.s.

Igor Chemišinec, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of OTE, a.s., adds: *"We are pleased with the fact that OTE, a.s. was entrusted with coordinating the first Intraday Auctions and the process of putting them into operation as part of the pan-European SIDC project, which confirms the expertise of our colleagues as well as the respect and trust towards our company in the framework of international cooperation. Many thanks to all colleagues who participated in the implementation and testing."*

The official press release of all SIDC project participants is available for download [here](#).



Press Release

Prague, 14th June 2024

In line with the agreed go-live process, all project parties will continue to closely evaluate stability and robustness of IDA operations in the coming days of operation.

Along with the implementation of the Intraday Auction, further changes were implemented in the CS OTE system, which are necessary for a smooth transition to 15 min. settlement and trading period as of July 1, 2024. You can read more about these changes [here](#).

OTE, a.s.

OTE, a. s., (OTE, Market Operator) was founded in 2001. It has been operating in the electricity market on the Czech Republic since 2002 and on the gas market since 2010. OTE is a provider of comprehensive services to individual participants in the electricity and gas market.

Pursuant to §20a of Act No. 458/2000 Coll., on the conditions of business and the exercise of state administration in the energy sectors and on amendments to certain acts (Energy Act) as amended, OTE is the holder of a license for the activities of the market operator, which includes the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic. OTE is appointed by the Energy Regulatory Office as a Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO), which ensures market coupling of the Day-Ahead and Intraday Markets. According to Act No. 383/2012 Coll. on the conditions for greenhouse gas emission trading, as amended, OTE also acts as the National Administrator of the Registry of emission trading.

As a market operator and Nominated Electricity Market Operator, OTE ensures, among other things, the organization of trading on the Day-Ahead, Intraday Electricity Market and the Intraday Gas Market in the Czech Republic, and regarding this activity participates in the organization of a Single Day-Ahead and Intraday Market Coupling. OTE also carries out accounting and financial imbalance settlement between the contractual and actual values of electricity and gas supplies and ensures an administrative change of the supplier of both commodities. Furthermore, it provides the participants of the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic with continuous processing and exchange of data and with documents for their activities on the electricity and the gas market, and reports business data from short-term OTE markets to the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Authorities (ACER).

On behalf of the Czech Republic and on its account, OTE supplies settlement entities or takes gas from them for payment when receiving or providing international aid in the gas industry, administers and pays compensation payments in accordance with the Act on Measures for the Czech Republic's Transition to Low-Carbon Energy. OTE is responsible for administration of the support payment system for supported energy sources, issues and registers guarantees of energy origin and keeps records of the use of renewable sources in transport and ensures many other activities contributing to the development of the energy sector in the Czech Republic and Europe.

For more information, please visit www.ote-cr.cz.