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Proposal for a Nordic Electricity Forum

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Nordenergi warmly welcomes the report and recommendations from the report "Strong today – Stronger tomorrow" presented in June to the Nordic Council of ministers. We expect the follow-up of this report to be a focal point at the upcoming Ministerial meeting in Oslo in November. As a first step, we urge the ministers to decide at the November meeting to establish a Nordic Electricity Forum as proposed in the report.

While being a beacon for regional cooperation in Europe, the integrated Nordic electricity market is still far from complete. A dedicated forum, bringing together Government officials, national regulatory authorities, transmission system operators, electricity industry, consumers and other relevant parts of civil society is not only a very useful initiative but also a very urgent one, as the Nordic electricity system and market is undergoing significant changes with high impacts across borders.

The key objective of such a forum should be to deliver clear advice to Ministers on how to further integrate the Nordic electricity market. Specifically:

- Prepare and facilitate dialogue between the national authorities, electricity industry, transmission system operators (TSOs) and other stakeholders.
- Increase visibility of Nordic ideas and development within the EU
- Monitor the progress and achieved results in improving the Nordic electricity market

To facilitate and prepare the forum we believe the Nordic Council of Ministers could call upon NordREG, supported by the Nordic TSOs and Nordenergi. The participation in the meetings and working groups should also include other stakeholders.

The forum should first and foremost focus on issues of Nordic relevance. This entails overall energy policy, integration of wholesale markets, efforts on electrification and developments in

retail markets and distribution. The preparatory work could take place in working groups, chaired by the regulators, where specific issues could be discussed in more detail, to prepare for the forum. The forum would then identify topics for further preparatory work as well as discuss the conclusions of earlier work streams. The working group could consist of stakeholders and officials

Furthermore, as national policies on generation, distribution and consumption increasingly have Nordic implications, it would be useful to dedicate part of the forum to discuss more generally the policy developments in the different countries over the past and coming years. These insights could be preceded by exchanges of views from all participants focusing on relevant trends observed in the different markets (and the common Nordic market) during the past year.

Timing

The forum should convene a high-level meeting annually to ensure regular follow-up on identified objectives. The work and processes could be supported by a limited number of working groups, chaired by regulators, or where convenient by TSOs or others, that could meet as needed.