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Subject: Data Collection for the investigation of the 28 April 2025 Iberian Blackout by the Expert Panel

Dear Vice-President Aagesen Muñoz,

Following the blackout incident in the Iberian Peninsula on 28 April, ENTSO-E has set up a joint Expert Panel in line with its obligations under Art. 15(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation (SO GL) and specifically, the Incident Classification Scale (ICS) methodology. According to this legislation, the Expert Panel is chaired by recognised experts from transmission system operators (TSOs) who were not directly affected or involved in the blackout incident. The Panel also includes representatives from the affected TSOs, experts from other European TSOs, representatives from all interested National Regulatory Authorities and the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). In line with the legal requirements of the EU Regulation, when the incident is classified as scale 3, also known as a blackout, the Expert Panel is legally mandated to: (i) Investigate the scale 3 incident; (ii) Collect data that will be reported by the affected TSOs; (iii) Prepare the factual report; and (iv) Prepare the final report to be published.

For the data collection task, the Expert Panel has been receiving information from all affected TSOs, including Red Eléctrica. In addition, to ensure that all relevant parties in Spain provide the necessary data – including third parties (mainly DSOs and Generators), the Expert Panel contacted Red Eléctrica with a letter recalling the relevant legal framework to further facilitate the data provision by the third parties (the letter is hereby attached for information). Red Eléctrica recently informed us of the reluctance of the third parties to share the relevant data, which could lead to potential delays in the investigation of the Expert Panel. The third parties cite confidentiality requirements to which they would be legally bound.

In this respect, ENTSO-E would like to highlight the importance of the Expert Panel gaining expeditious access to all the data required by the ICS Methodology, as listed in Annex 1 “Common data for reporting”, Annex 2 “Specific data reported for depending on the ICS criterion” and Annex 3 “Additional data for the investigation of scale 2 and scale 3 incidents”, as well as data from third parties that is deemed necessary for the

investigation. Furthermore, ENTSO-E would also like to provide assurance that the data obtained will be kept strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of investigating this incident.

With this letter, we are thus kindly requesting your help to facilitate the timely transmission of relevant information from Spain for this investigation. The Expert Panel would be glad to receive the data mentioned above either from Red Eléctrica, from the Spanish Government's own investigation, or directly from the relevant data owners with the support of your services.

We take this opportunity to thank the Spanish government and the TSO for their continued support in investigating the incident.

Sincerely,

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