

# **Day-ahead Market Regulations**

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## DAY-AHEAD MARKET REGULATIONS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These Day-ahead Market Regulations contain detailed provisions on Orders and Day-ahead Price calculation in the Day-ahead Market and are part of the Rulebook.
- 1.2 The Day-ahead Market provides the possibility of Trading by means of an Auction day-ahead for the following day based on all Orders by the Participants received prior to Gate Closure.
- 1.3 Following Gate Closure, all volume and Orders received are stacked and a market equilibrium is calculated. Based on the price and volume market equilibrium, each Participant's rights and obligations regarding the sale and purchase of electricity for the relevant Delivery Periods are determined as further set out herein.
- 1.4 All Transactions resulting from Orders matched in the Trading Platform shall be automatically registered for Clearing.

### 2. HANDLING OF ORDERS

#### 2.1 Order Form

- 2.1.1 Orders in the Day-ahead Market shall be submitted using such standard order forms as Nord Pool may specify from time to time and be transmitted to Nord Pool through such communication methods as Nord Pool may specify from time to time.
- 2.1.2 Participants normally using other electronic communication than Day-ahead Web in accordance with Section 2.1.1 above, shall use Day-ahead Web as a backup in case their ordinary means of communications are not working.
- 2.1.3 Nord Pool may, in situations where specified communications pursuant to Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 are not working and in addition to what is stated in the Rulebook in respect of the Trading Desk, decide that an alternative order form as specified by Nord Pool e.g. as a file in e-mail or copy of Order from a previous day, may be used. When using e-mail, Nord Pool may restrict the number of Price Steps in the Hourly Orders and the number of Block Orders.
- 2.1.4 The order form must provide complete information to be valid. Invalid order forms will be rejected.

#### 2.2 Quoting

- 2.2.1 Subject only to Section 2.5 all Orders are binding and are available to be matched in accordance with these Day-ahead Market Regulations.
- 2.2.2 Orders shall be quoted using the Order Types allowed by the Product Specifications, as further specified in Section 3 below. Each Order must specify whether it is a Bid or an Offer, where Bids are denoted by positive Energy Volume numbers and Offers as negative Energy Volume numbers.
- 2.2.3 Energy Volume Limits and Order Price Limits must be within the technical limits and applicable Price Range set out in the Product Specifications.

- 2.2.4 Each Order represents an individual and independent Order for the Delivery Period(s) to which it relates. Except as specifically mandated by the Order Type used and subject to Section 3.4 and the Linked Block Orders described in Section 3.2.2. Each Order shall represent an individual offer to purchase or sell independent of any other Orders submitted by or on behalf of each Participant to the same Auction with respect to such Delivery Period(s).
- 2.2.5 Each Day-ahead Price Calculation relates to the following day starting from 00:00 CET.
- 2.2.6 Orders can be submitted from the time Nord Pool opens any given Delivery Day for submission of Orders and until Gate Closure.
- 2.2.7 Nord Pool may in its sole discretion, but shall have no obligation to, contact Participants by telephone or e-mail and offer that the Participant may submit and/or correct an Order should Nord Pool have reason to believe that an Order submitted by the Participant is erroneous, or that the Participant erroneously has failed to submit an Order.
- 2.2.8 Orders from Client Representatives shall be specified for each Client and for the Client Representative.

### **2.3 Price Range**

- 2.3.1 Nord Pool shall for each Auction set a Price Range within which all Order Prices in the Day-ahead Market must be for that Auction. Participants shall be informed of the Price Range prior to the opening for Orders for each Auction.
- 2.3.2 Nord Pool may change the Price Range set by giving at least 4 (four) days' notice. In case of a change of the Price Range for any Auction following the opening of Orders for that Auction, all Orders submitted prior to such change will automatically be deleted.
- 2.3.3 Prices for Orders are to be quoted in a currency approved by Nord Pool. The maximum number of decimals that can be quoted in each currency is determined by Nord Pool.

### **2.4 Gate Closure**

- 2.4.1 Orders received after Gate Closure will be considered null and void regardless of cause unless otherwise decided by Nord Pool in its sole discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, this also applies to Orders received after Gate Closure by reason of Force Majeure Event or any communication failure (howsoever caused and irrespective of whether the Participant is in any default).
- 2.4.2 Participants experiencing technical difficulties when submitting Orders to Nord Pool must inform Nord Pool about this immediately

### **2.5 Errors in Orders**

- 2.5.1 Each Participant is responsible for ensuring that the Orders it submits (and any amendments thereto) and which are received by Nord Pool are correct and valid, including in situations where manual handling of the Orders by Nord Pool has been found necessary.
- 2.5.2 If a Participant becomes aware of any error in Order(s), the Participant shall notify Nord Pool immediately of such errors.
- 2.5.3 Following receipt of a notice pursuant to Section 2.5.2, Nord Pool shall consider in its sole discretion whether any measures can be taken to avoid or mitigate any potential losses to the Participant without conflicting with the Day-ahead Price and the interests of the Market, other Participants, or any obligations of Nord Pool.

### **3. ORDER TYPES**

#### **3.1 Hourly Orders**

- 3.1.1 Hourly Order is a Participant's Bid or Offer with respect to a specified Energy Volume, Bidding Zone and price for a given Delivery Period of the applicable Delivery Day.
- 3.1.2 In each Hourly Order, the Participant shall submit a set of Order Price and Energy Volume specifications for the applicable Delivery Period, starting with the Energy Volume at the lower Order Price Limit and ending with the Volume Limit at the upper Order Price Limit. Additional Price Steps on the Order curve may be specified as set out in the Product Specifications.
- 3.1.3 The Energy Volume given in an Hourly Order for sale of electricity (Offer) must be constant or increasing with increasing Order Prices. The Energy Volume given in an Hourly Order for purchase of electricity (Bid) must be constant or decreasing with increasing Order Prices.
- 3.1.4 To create an Order curve Nord Pool will, upon receipt of an Hourly Order, interpolate the values between each Price Step comprised in such Hourly Order by means of linear interpolation, and the Hourly Order may be matched at any point on the Order curve resulting from such interpolation.

#### **3.2 Block Orders**

- 3.2.1 Each Block Order must include details of such Block's Order Price Limit, the hourly Energy Volume, the start and stop time and the applicable Minimum Acceptance Ratio (if less than 100 per cent). If no Minimum Acceptance Ratio is specified, the Minimum Acceptance Ratio will be deemed to be 100 per cent. The Energy Volume may be different in each Delivery Period of the Block.
- 3.2.2 Each Linked Block Order must specify the order of priority between the Block Orders comprised in such linked Block. Nord Pool may, in its absolute discretion, specify the maximum number of permitted priority levels that may be notified with respect to any Linked Block Order and the maximum number of permitted Block Orders at each priority level. The maximum number of permissible priority levels and Block Orders may be changed by Nord Pool at any time prior to closure of the Auction on not less than one (1) day's written notice.
- 3.2.3 It is not possible to link a Block Order to a Flexible Order or to a Block Order which is part of an Exclusive Group.
- 3.2.4 Each Block Order comprised within an Exclusive Group must specify such Block's Minimum Acceptance Ratio (if less than 100). If no Minimum Acceptance Ratio is specified, the Minimum Acceptance Ratio for such Blocks within the Exclusive Group will be deemed to be 100.

#### **3.3 Flexible Orders**

- 3.3.1 A Flexible Order must specify an Energy Volume that the Participant would be willing to purchase or sell in one or a series of consecutive Delivery Periods, the applicable Order Price Limit and the nominated Delivery Range in respect of which the Flexible Order may be matched.

#### **3.4 Order Amendments**

- 3.4.1 In any case where a Participant submits more than one Hourly Order for the same Delivery Period and on the same Trading Portfolio, the Hourly Order submitted latest in time and not rejected by Nord Pool will over-write and cancel all prior Hourly Orders in respect of such Delivery Period.
- 3.4.2 Any Block Order or Flexible Order which has been accepted by Nord Pool may subsequently be amended at any time prior to Gate Closure in accordance with the relevant Trading Platform change procedure for such Order as may be determined by Nord Pool in its absolute discretion from time to time.

## 4. MATCHING

### 4.1 Matching of Hourly Orders and Calculation of Auction Price and Volume

- 4.1.1 All Orders submitted for each Delivery Period will be regarded as a point on an Order curve for Offers and Bids respectively, where each Order curve is created by interpolating straight lines between the Orders on the curve. The point of intersection between the aggregated Offer and Bid curves establishes the Day-ahead Price and Energy Volume per Bidding Zone for that Delivery Period.
- 4.1.2 Any imbalance between total Offers and total Bids caused by rounding off the volumes for each Participant when calculating the Day-ahead Price will be shared between Participants whose Orders are matched in respect of the relevant Delivery Period.
- 4.1.3 All Transactions in the Day-ahead Market relating to one Delivery Period will be matched at the Day-ahead Price applicable for that Delivery Period.

### 4.2 Non-EUR Denominated Hourly Orders

All non-EUR Orders are converted into EUR before the Day-ahead Price Calculation is performed.

### 4.3 Matching of Flexible Orders and Block Orders

- 4.3.1 Flexible Order may be matched if the Order Price and volume criteria of the Flexible Order are met in relation to the relevant Day-ahead Price and Energy Volume.
- 4.3.2 Block Orders are activated if they meet the criteria below:
  - a. A Block Order for sale is matched only if the average Day-ahead Price for the Delivery Periods comprised in the Block Order is equal to or higher than Order Price specified in the Block Order. A Block Order for purchase is matched if the average Day-ahead Price for the Delivery Periods comprised by the Block Order is equal to or lower than the Order Price specified in the Block Order. In addition, the aggregate Energy Volume of the Block Order must be matched with at least the volume corresponding to the minimum acceptance ratio specified for the Block Order. If the Energy Volume in each hour of the Block Order differs, the volume weighted average price of the Block Order shall determine whether the Block Order is matched or not.
  - b. The sum of the acceptance of all Block Orders in an Exclusive Group will be at most 100 per cent. If all blocks in the Exclusive Group have a minimum acceptance ratio of 100, only one Block Order from the group will be matched.
- 4.3.3 In respect of Linked Block Orders, the normal rules for matching of Block Orders in Section 4.3.2. shall apply, provided that:
  - a. Any Block Order which does not have the highest priority within its linked Block will only be matched if all the Block Orders with higher priority within the relevant linked Block have already been matched;
  - b. A Block Order that is not otherwise matched according to Section 4.3.2 may still be matched as part of a Linked Block Order if the matching of such Block Order, together with such other Block Orders at lower priority levels of the Linked Block Order, does not result in an overall loss for the Participant who submitted such Linked Block Order; and
  - c. The Block Order with lower priority within its linked block can be accepted at most to the same Acceptance Ratio as the effective Acceptance Ratio of the Block Order with higher priority.

#### **4.4 Procedure in Case of Non-Matching in Nordic/Baltic Market**

4.4.1 If situations occur where a point of intersection between the Order curve for Offers and Bids is not achieved (“non-matching”) in the Nordic/Baltic Market (or in one or more bidding zones within such market), Nord Pool will, using best endeavors (or reasonable endeavours where the governing law of this Rulebook is English law), effectuate one or more of the following measures in accordance with applicable procedures:

- a. In the event of Market Decoupling on the border between Denmark and Germany, activate separate purchase or sales offer from Energinet.dk.
- b. Activate Peak Load Reserves in the applicable bidding zone.
- c. Ask the relevant TSOs about the possibility to adjust the trading capacity.
- d. Block Orders that increase the need for curtailment in the market and that include the Delivery Period where curtailments occur are excluded from the Day-ahead Price calculation, and such Block Orders are rejected in their entirety.
- e. Deduct Orders on a pro rata basis until a point of intersection is achieved.

4.4.2 Any imbalance between total purchases and total sales caused by the curtailment of Orders when accurately calculating the Day-ahead Price pursuant to Section 4.4.1 will be shared between all Participants within each bidding zone.

#### **4.5 Procedure in Case of Non-Matching in the GB Market**

4.5.1 If a non-matching occurs in the GB Market, Nord Pool will, using best endeavours (or reasonable endeavours where the governing law of this Rulebook is English law), perform the following steps:

- a. Nord Pool will inform all Participants of the Delivery Period(s) in respect of which a non-matching has occurred, and Reopening will be announced for the affected Delivery Day. The Reopening under this Section 4.5 will be for a period announced by Nord Pool, but for no shorter than 10 minutes.
- b. If, following the procedure in Section 4.5.1(a), a point of intersection between the Offer and Bid curves is still not achieved, then Block Orders that increase the need for curtailment in the market and that include the Delivery Period where non-matching occurs shall be excluded from the Day-ahead Price Calculation, and rejected from the Auction in their entirety.
- c. If, following the procedure in Section 4.5.1(b), a point of intersection between the Offer and Bid curves is still not achieved, then Nord Pool will deduct Orders on a pro rata basis until a point of intersection is achieved.

#### **4.6 Procedure in case of exceeding Thresholds in the GB Market**

4.6.1 If a situation occurs whereby a Price Threshold is exceeded, Nord Pool will, to the extent reasonably possible, inform all Participants of the Delivery Periods where a Price Threshold has been exceeded, and Reopening will be announced for the affected Delivery Day. The Reopening under this Section 4.6 will be for a period announced by Nord Pool, but for no shorter than 10 minutes.

4.6.2 If, following the procedure in Section 4.6.1, Price Thresholds are still exceeded, then the Orders as submitted to the Trading Platform in the subsequent Auction will stand.

## **5. REOPENING IN CASE OF MARKET DECOUPLING ARISING DURING MULTI-REGIONAL COUPLING SESSION**

- 5.1.1 In the event of any Market Decoupling, Nord Pool will, subject to the specific provisions of any local arrangements, announce a Reopening,
- 5.1.2 During the Reopening any Participant or Client Representative on its own behalf or on behalf of a Client, may submit or re-submit Orders.
- 5.1.3 The Reopening under this Section 5 will be for a period announced by Nord Pool in accordance with the relevant MRC operational procedures.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Price Report**

- 6.1.1 When the Auction has been completed a preliminary publication will be made of Day-ahead Market Prices and corresponding Energy Volumes within and between bidding zones. The Auction results are then subject to final confirmation in accordance with the applicable MRC procedures.
- 6.1.2 When the Auction Price and Energy Volumes have been calculated, Nord Pool shall inform the Participant of its calculated purchase/sale in a Price Report to the Participant on the day preceding the relevant Delivery Day (D-1).
- 6.1.3 The Price Report specifies the Auction Prices and Energy Volume for each Delivery Period in which Order(s) have been matched.
- 6.1.4 Price Reports prepared for Client Representatives shall specify the Prices and Energy Volumes for each Client in addition to those in respect of the Client Representative's own Trading.
- 6.1.5 The Price Reports will in respect of the Nordic/Baltic Market normally be made available to Participants in Trading Platform immediately following final confirmation of the Auction results.
- 6.1.6 The Price Report will in respect of the GB Market normally be made available to Participants after forty-two (42) minutes following closure of the Auction. The Price Report is considered preliminary until the Auction results are confirmed.
- 6.1.7 If the Price Report is delayed, Nord Pool shall give the Participants notice of such delay as soon as possible.

## **7. AUCTION DELAY OR FAILURE**

- 7.1.1 If Nord Pool is delayed or prevented from performing an Auction, Nord Pool shall inform Participants by publishing an Operational Message on Nord Pool's website with regular intervals starting no later than 12:42 CET, until such time as the Auction is successfully completed.
- 7.1.2 With respect of the GB Market, if Nord Pool is not able to perform the Auction before 16:30 CET on the day prior to the Delivery Day, the Auction will be deemed to have failed and all Orders to the Auction will be cancelled. In these circumstances the previous day's Auction Price hour by hour will be deemed as a "synthetic" Auction Price for the Delivery Day in

question, but no Orders will be matched based on such Auction Price. In this context, the “previous day” means the previous Banking Day if the auction failure has effect on a Banking Day, and the previous weekend day or public holiday, as appropriate, if the auction failure has effect on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday

- 7.1.3 With respect to the Nordic/Baltic Market, if Nord Pool is not able to perform the Auction before 20:00 CET on the day prior to the Delivery Day, the Price Report from the previous day will be deemed valid hour by hour in respect of both Auction Prices and Energy Volumes for the Delivery-Day in question. In this context, the “previous day” means the previous working day if the auction failure has effect on a working day, and the previous weekend day or public holiday, as appropriate, if the auction failure has effect on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. Working day means days from Monday to Friday, not including legal public holidays which are identified as public holiday in countries in the Nordic and Baltic market region together having at least 67% of the consumption the previous year. Christmas Eve (24/12) and New Year’s Eve (31/12) are considered public holidays.

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