

## Agreement on fees for using the AIB EECS in accordance with point 9 of the Standard Terms and Conditions

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The European Energy Certificate System (EECS) of the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) enables cross-border trade in energy certificates. In the interest of Austrian market participants, E-Control Austria (hereafter: E-Control) is member of this system and acts as an issuing body for Austria.

All fees and charges payable by E-Control for using the EECS are charged on to the Austrian market players that participate in it.

As of January 2012, this includes the following fees:

- A standing charge for using the AIB hub
- An activity fee of € 0.005 (in MWh) per EECS certificate imported or exported; the activity fee is capped at a fixed cost ceiling

The AIB **standing charge** for membership of E-Control as a large member (more than 4 million certificates transferred last year) is 20,000 EUR.

In Austria, this standing charge is equally allocated to all market players that have signed the Standard Terms and Conditions (STC), i.e. that use the EECS for international trade. Invoicing takes place annually.

The **AIB activity fee** is € 0.005 per imported or exported EECS certificate (per MWh) for all types of technologies. However, the overall charges payable per country are capped, which can result in an activity fee per certificate imported or exported of less than € 0.005. When the cost ceiling is reached, the activity fee is charged on a pro-rata basis.

The AIB rules provide for the ceiling to become effective when the overall annual fee (standing charge and activity fee) amounts to € 50,000.

The AIB activity charge (which reflects the number of certificates) is allocated to the participating market players in accordance with the number of certificates to which a unique EECS certificate number was assigned. Such a number is assigned by the national system when a certificate is exported through the hub; it is needed to enable transfer between the countries that are connected to the AIB hub. The activity charge passed on to a market participant thus reflects the number of certificates that it electronically imports or exports through the AIB hub.

The standing charges and activity fee are charged on once a year after the end of each calendar year, based on the transfers (imports and exports) that took place and in accordance with the overall charges invoiced by AIB.

Invoices are payable within 30 days of receipt by the market players.

E-Control reserves the right to charge any changes that AIB makes to the financing model on to market players in line with the principles described above.