



WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL
SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN

General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

**TWELFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL ORGANISATION**

DECISION WAPP/76/DEC.03/11/17

**RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF WAPP ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT ON
THE NEW ATTRIBUTIONS OF THE INFORMATION AND COORDINATION
CENTER (ICC) TO ENABLE IT TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL
SYSTEM MARKET OPERATOR DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKET**

The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10th, 1999 relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 18/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the adoption of Articles of Agreement for the establishment and functioning of the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS;

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the West African Power Pool Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the West African Power Pool dated July 6th, 2006 in particular Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 24 and 26;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/22/RES.23/07/07 of the fourth Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on July 23rd, 2007, relating to the WAPP Operations Manual;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/51/RES.20/04/09 of the eighth Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 20th, 2009, relating to the Agreement defining and adopting modalities for the implementation of the WAPP Operations Manual;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/45/DEC.02/11/12 of the seventh session of the General Assembly held in Abuja on November 2nd, 2012, relating to the Transition of WAPP Information and Coordination Center (ICC) to Regional System Market Operator;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/157/RES.09/12/13 of the twenty-second Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Abidjan on December 9th, 2013, relating to the mandate of the Secretary General to prepare the implementation documents of the Decision on the transition of WAPP Information and Coordination Center to Regional System Market Operator;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/204/RES.12/04/16 of the thirty-first Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 12th, 2016, relating to the transition of WAPP Information and Coordination Center to Regional System Market Operator;

CONSIDERING the WAPP Regional Market Rules providing for the establishment of the Regional Electricity Market in successive phases;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/212/RES.24/10/16 of the thirty-second Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on October 24th, 2016,

relating to the amendment of WAPP Articles of Agreement to enable the Information and Coordination Center (ICC) to assume the functions of Regional System Market Operator during the first phase of the implementation of the Regional Electricity Market;

NOTING the Final Report of the 12th meeting of the Human Resources and Governance Committee (HRGC) held in Cotonou from 27th to 29th of March, 2017;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/216/RES.29/04/17 of the thirty-fourth Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 29th, 2017, relating to the set-up of a taskforce to define the new attributions of the Information and Coordination Center in order to enable ICC to assume the functions of the regional system market operator during the first phase of implementation of the regional electricity market;

MINDFUL OF the need to clearly define the status and the organization of the Regional System Market Operator;

NOTING the Final Report of the taskforce in charge of defining the new attributions of the Information and Coordination Center in order to enable ICC to assume the functions of the regional system market operator during the first phase of implementation of the regional electricity market, that was held in Cotonou from July 20th to 21st, 2017;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/227/RES.05/08/17 of the thirty-fifth Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on August 5th, 2017, relating to the amendment of WAPP Articles of Agreement on the new attributions of the Information and Coordination Center to enable ICC to assume the functions of the regional system market operator during the first phase of implementation of the regional electricity market.

DECIDE:

Article 1: New attributions of the WAPP Information and Coordination Center (ICC) to enable it to assume the functions of the Regional System Market Operator during the first phase of implementation of the Regional Electricity Market are hereby adopted. The WAPP Articles of Agreement shall be amended in its Article 8 "*The Information and*

Coordination Center “, and Article 6.4 “*The Engineering and Operations Committee (EOC) “, to include the new attributions of the ICC.*

Article 2: The WAPP Articles of Agreement shall be amended as follows:

New Article 8: The Information and Coordination Center

The WAPP Information Coordination Center (ICC) is an organ of the WAPP Secretariat responsible for promoting operational coordination between Transmission Owning/Operating Members through actual day-to-day information exchange between WAPP Operational Coordination Members.

The ICC shall also be responsible, within the framework of the Regional Electricity Market, for carrying out the functions of the System and Market Operator in compliance with the rules of the Regional Electricity Market.

New Article 8.1: Duties

The Information and Coordination Center shall:

- a) collect, analyze and disseminate the information needed considering WAPP’s current situation and its future development;*
- b) monitor the development of the national electric power sector in ECOWAS Members States in order to forewarn the risks of performance deficiencies and to provide them with corrective measures;*
- c) periodically analyze the economic and technical viability of cross-border electricity trading arrangements among Transmission Using Members;*
- d) facilitate the development of technical norms and standards for the collection and treatment of useful information for the efficient operation of the national and interconnected electric networks;*
- e) support and monitor the technical performance of the power utilities.*

The ICC, in its capacity as System and Market Operator, shall:

- f) coordinate the schedules of pool interconnections in collaboration with the Transmission System Operators (TSOs) and control areas;*
- g) monitor load flows and take action on variances (coordinating operator of control areas efforts to maintain flows);*
- h) carry out settlement activities (even if clearing is settled in kind);*
- i) carry out Operational planning of the interconnectors;*
- j) allocate transmission capacity to contracts;*

- k) administer contracts;
- l) manage dispute at an operational level (first instance for solving operational disputes);
- m) administer meter readings;
- n) administer commercial databases.

In addition, the ICC as System Market Operator (SMO), in close collaboration with each control area responsible and each domestic TSOs, shall:

- o) provide operational planning of interconnectors
- p) coordinate the use of interconnectors;
- q) monitor flows in interconnectors and collaborate with control areas to maintain the scheduled flows;
- r) allocate the transmission capacity in interconnectors in case of more requirements than available capacity.

Article 6.4: The Engineering and Operations Committee (EOC)

The EOC has the following responsibilities:

- (a) recommend appropriate practices for the protection of the regional system, planning, interconnection adequacy, operation, and operational capacity to ensure a reliable and adequate supply of electric power;

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New paragraph (i)

- (i) to recommend to the Executive Board and Members, individually or collectively, actions to improve the operation of the WAPP electrical systems and the functioning of the Regional Electricity Market;

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Article 3: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Article 4: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Done in Accra this day of November 3rd, 2017



Chairperson

Usman Gur Mohammed