



WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL
SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN
General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

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

**DECISION WAPP/72/DEC.11/11/16 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF
THE CONDITIONS AND MODALITIES OF ENROLMENT INTO THE WEST
AFRICAN POWER POOL**

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 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 in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP General Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS;

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the WAPP General Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the WAPP dated July 6th, 2006, in particular Articles 1,4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 26;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/15/DEC.26/10/07 of the second meeting of the General Assembly of WAPP held in Abuja on October 26th, 2007, relating to amendment of the WAPP membership criteria;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/206/RES.12/04/16 of the 31st Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 12th, 2016, relating to the review of the conditions and modalities of enrolment into the WAPP;

MINDFUL of the increase number of utilities that aim to enrol in the WAPP, and the need to better define conditions and modalities of enrolment into the WAPP;

NOTING the Final Report of the eleventh meeting of the Human Resources and Governance Committee (HRGC) held in Cotonou from 19th to 21st of September, 2016;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/209/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 adoption of the conditions and modalities of Enrolment into the West African Power Pool.

DECIDE:

Article 1: New conditions and modalities of enrolment into the WAPP are hereby adopted. The WAPP Articles of Agreement shall be amended in its Article 9 (“Membership”) to include the aforementioned conditions and modalities.

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

Article 9.1: Qualifications

The quality of WAPP Membership is obtained after an effective membership.

The membership in WAPP Organization is voluntary and is open to any entity, public or private, which:

- (a) owns and operates generation facilities with a capacity of at least 20MW or more, and/or which distributes and retails supply electricity (the “transmission network users”); and/or
- (b) owns/operates “the major transmission facilities in the region”, if such facilities are physically interconnected and have an impact on the coordination of the operating system in the West African region (“the owners and operators of the transmission owning/operating members”); and/or
- (c) has an interest in the electricity sector in the West Africa Region but do not fit the definition of either the “transmission using members” or “transmission owning/operating members”.

New Article 9.2: Membership Procedures

Membership shall be obtained upon meeting the following requirements:

- (a) meet the membership qualifications ;
- (b) provide an application for membership to the Secretary General ;
and
- (c) execute the WAPP Articles of Agreement.

The Secretary General shall review applications and recommend those meeting membership qualifications to the Executive Board for recommendation to the General Assembly.

In conducting the review of applications, the Secretary General takes into account the following points:

- (a) the verification of the legal status of the applicant company under the laws of the country of residence/establishment ;
- (b) the verification of the assets base and presence of employees of the applicant company;
- (c) the verification of the operational and technical capacity of the applicant company ;
- (d) the formal commitment of the applicant company to pay its contributions in a timely and regular basis ;
- (e) the opinion or recommendation possibly of a member from the same country as the applicant company ;
- (f) the conduct , if need be, of a mission of the General Secretariat in the country of the applicant company to form an opinion on its candidacy.

The Executive Board shall review any dispute arising as to the qualifications or the membership procedures relating to the applicant company.

Membership shall commence at the beginning of the next calendar month following completion of these requirements.

Article 3: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 4: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Done in Ouagadougou, this day of November 11th, 2016



**Chairperson
Dr. Abubakar T. ATIKU**