

## Application Form for Interconnection Line Owner License

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### PART I – APPLICATION DETAILS

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#### 1. Applicant's Details:

Applicant's full name: .....

ID Card No / Company Registration No: .....

Tax Identification No / Tax Register No: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Mailing address or, in the case of a legal person, registered office: .....

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#### 2. Details of authorized representative

Please indicate the details of a duly authorized person representing and binding the Applicant whom CERA will contact and to whom it will send correspondence and questions regarding the application:

Full name: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Mailing address .....

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#### 3. Retention of Company Shares

Where the Applicant is a company, details must be provided below of any retention of shares in that company by other persons which would be required to be notified under the then current Laws and Regulations relevant to the notification of such retention:

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#### 4. Union List

Please indicate if the interconnection line has been classified as a project of common interest or as a project of mutual interest based on Regulation (EU) 2022/869 or any relative amendments thereto.

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#### 5. Name and description of the interconnection line

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#### 6. Requested electric capacity of the interconnection line: ..... MW

#### 7. Point of connection of the line to the national transmission system or distribution system:

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#### 8. Date of completion of the interconnection line

Please indicate the estimated date of completion of the interconnection line:

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#### 9. Proposed amendments to the terms of the License

If you wish to make any amendments to the terms of the License, please indicate below the amendments you are proposing, explaining the reasons for these proposals:

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**10. Consultation with TSOs.**

Please indicate if there has been any consultation with the TSOs of the member states / states-recipients of significant net positive results from the project.

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**11. Interconnection Line Operator License corresponding to the application.**

Please indicate the number of the Interconnection Line Operator License corresponding to the application:

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**12. Other licenses held and/or applied for by the Applicant**

Please indicate any other licenses held and/or applied for by the Applicant in relation to the operation of the electricity market in the European Union:

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**13. Other activities of the Applicant**

Please provide details of any other activities not related to the electricity market that the Applicant or any affiliated business thereof is carrying out:

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## PART II – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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The application for a license to be granted must be accompanied by the following documents (during the examination of the application additional clarification documents may be requested):

### 1. Applicant's Details

#### A. For natural persons

- Copy of Identity Card.

#### B. For legal persons domiciled in the Republic of Cyprus

- Certificate of Incorporation,
- Certificate of Registered Office Address,
- Certificate of Directors and Secretary,
- Certificate of Shareholders,
- List of all the proposed/Registered Beneficiaries (full details need to be provided, full name, address, date of birth, identity card copy, nationality, share ownership percentage),
- Copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company wherein it is stated that the activity you apply for is permitted,
- Certificate of Going Concern,
- Criminal record certificates concerning the members of the Board and the applicant's legal representative,
- Where the shareholders are legal persons, the foregoing documents for them as well need to be attached respectively.

#### C. For legal persons with a place of business in a member state of the European Union, by virtue of article 29(2)(b) of Law 130(I)/2021

- Foreign legal persons shall submit the respective certificates and information of paragraph B which are issued by the authorities of the applicant's state of principal place of business, with an official translation in Greek and the Apostille. Where a certificate cannot be issued in that foreign country, a solemn statement to this end shall be filed by the legal representative, with a certification of the authenticity of his/her signature, wherein the information that would have been comprised in said certificate shall be stated. Where foreign legal persons have established a branch/office in Cyprus, they shall further submit the legal documents of establishment of said branch/office.

**D. In the event that the applicant is the holder of the respective Interconnection Line Operator License:**

A solemn statement by the legal representative, with a certification of the authenticity of his/her signature, certifying that the information submitted in the context of granting the respective Interconnection Line Operator License is valid. In the event of any change in the above information, the updated information shall be submitted.

**E. In the event that the applicant is a third person and not the holder of the respective Interconnection Line Operator License:**

Exact copy of the agreement that the applicant intends to sign with the Interconnection Line Operator License holder.

**2. Applicant's organizational and administrative structure and financial planning:**

Solemn statement by the applicant's legal representative, with a certification of the authenticity of his/her signature, regarding the applicant's organizational and administrative structure and any ties and interests of the applicant, the shareholders, the partners and the persons in the management team of the applicant with/in other companies or groups of companies either domestic or foreign, making a special reference to companies affiliated with the applicant which are active in the industry of electricity or natural gas generation or supply;

Documents with detailed information and a description of the applicant and its affiliated companies' activity in the electricity and natural gas markets, with a reference to the share markets and infrastructures held or operated by the applicant;

The applicant's plan as to how the applicant will exercise its responsibilities and fulfil its obligations as the Interconnection Line Owner, which shall comprise, at the very least, the following:

- (a) Proposed organizational structure of the Owner;
- (b) Estimated staff count, referencing the required specialties;
- (c) Financial planning.

**3. Applicant's technical capacity and business plan**

A feasibility study comprising, at the very least:

(a) A detailed technical description of the project:

- (i) Technical features of the installations/equipment of the Interconnection Line, estimated capacity and any details necessary to make an estimate of the capacity and safety standards of the Interconnection Line;
- (ii) Information regarding the technical integrity and reliability of the Interconnection Line, such as technical specifications of the construction of the Interconnection Line and the respective certification bodies;

(b) Adequate maps and charts to pinpoint the precise location or routing of the project and an indicative sequence of the Applicant's actions to ensure that an appropriate area is found (where applicable) for the construction and the safe and secure operation of the Interconnection Line;

(c) Estimated useful life of the Interconnection Line;

(d) Environmental impact assessment in the course of the construction and operation of the Interconnection Line;

(e) Potential for increased capacity or extension of the Interconnection Line;

(f) Description of the public interests served in terms of the strengthening of the country's security of supply, the protection of the environment and the growth of the internal market;

(g) Description of the effect of the Interconnection Line on strengthening free competition in the electricity market, with a reference, at the very least, to the following:

(i) Providing third parties with access to the Interconnection Line in a direct and affordable manner on the basis of the principle of transparency and without discrimination among Users or categories of Users;

(ii) Description of any synergies that may arise, in the applicant's opinion, between the proposed Interconnection Line and the National Transmission System;

(iii) Impact estimate of the Interconnection Line on the market's operation at national, regional and European levels;

(h) Description of the proposed methodology for the drawing up of invoices concerning the usage of the Interconnection Line, the calculation of the respective invoices, the estimated layout and amount thereof and their interaction with the usage invoices of the National System, as well as of the methodology for the revision thereof;

(i) a specific cost-benefit analysis of the project in line with the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), which takes into account the benefits beyond the borders of the member states in the territory of which the project is located, examining at the very least the common scenarios prepared for the planning of the development of networks which are published by ENTSO-E. Where additional scenarios are used, these shall be in line with the Union's energy and climate pursuits for 2030 and the 2050 climate-neutrality objective and shall be subject to the same consultation procedure level;

(j) a business plan which evaluates the economic viability of the project, including the chosen financing arrangement that comprises, at the very minimum, the following:

(i) The estimated investment cost and estimated financing arrangement for the project, making a special reference to the proposed financial structure of the investment (own funds, borrowed funds, grant), accompanied by information

documenting the ability to cover the own contribution required as well as by credit information about the applicant;

- (ii) Annual forecasts regarding the operating cost of the Interconnection Line;
- (iii) Information on the usage of the Interconnection Line. Annual forecasts of the levels of usage and revenue from the operation of the Interconnection Line;
- (iv) Financial analysis of the project, with a special reference to the anticipated cash flows and the documentation of the Interconnection Line's economic efficiency;

Any other documents and information prescribed by CERA, which substantiate the applicant's technical capacity and ensure optimal construction and the safe and secure, reliable and cost-efficient operation of the project.

#### **4. Applicant's economic and financial capacity and company's financial information**

Available funds;

Evidence for the procuring of funds to be used by the applicant on commencement and in the course of business operation.

Any other financial information or information related to all financial and other interests of the applicant.

Information on the banking institutions which the applicant has had business with in the past three (3) years and a reference letter from at least one of said banking institutions. CERA may call on such institutions/persons to provide further information.

Audited balance sheets of the past three (3) financial years and copies of the applicant's activity reports. In the event that the company has no economic activity, an auditor's certificate in this regard is required and the provision of the respective financial statements of the main shareholders/partners.

Any other documents and information prescribed by CERA with regard to the applicant's economic and financial capacity as well as its financial information.

#### **5. Applicant's previous experience**

Information on any previous technical experience of the applicant.

#### **6. Other activities of the Applicant:**

Documents with detailed information on any other activity, except for the electricity activities, exercised by the applicant or its affiliated companies.

#### **7. Consultation with TSOs**

Documents reporting the results of consultation with the TSOs of the member states / states-recipients of significant net positive results from the project

## 8. Cross-border and other Agreements

Information on cross-border or other agreements which have been concluded or may be required to be concluded for the implementation of the interconnection line, as well as an estimated time schedule for the completion of relevant actions.

## 9. Interconnection line information

Description of the Interconnection Line and outline of the initial capacity and the anticipated extensions thereof during the effective term of the license.

Proposed geographical location for the routing of the Interconnection Line in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, referencing, as applicable:

(a) Entry and exit points to/from the country

(b) Points of interconnection with the National Transmission System

(c) Points of interconnection with another country

Time schedules regarding:

(a) the license-granting procedure;

(b) the completion of funding procedures;

(c) the construction, testing and commissioning of the Interconnection Line.

Any other documents and information prescribed by CERA with regard to the interconnection line.

## 10. Application Fee

Proof of application fee payment

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## PART III – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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The application is considered to have been submitted and is registered in the CERA application register only when it is accompanied by the necessary documents and information as shown in Part II above.

CERA is entitled to request any additional information and/or clarification on any information and documents provided with this application.



### Solemn Declaration

I declare responsibly that all of the above is true. In case of false or misleading statement, I am aware that I will have committed a criminal offense and, if convicted, I will be subject to imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or to a fine not exceeding ninety thousand euros (€ 90,000) and/or both. I am also aware that in case I am granted an Exemption based on false information or in case I violate any term of the Exemption and/or Regulatory Decision or Decision of CERA and/or provision of Law 130(I)/2021 and the Regulations issued thereunder, I may be subject to an administrative fine or suspension or revocation of the License.

I authorize CERA to verify, in cooperation with other competent Departments, as much of the information contained in this form as it deems necessary.

The information contained in this form may be used to create the Register of Licenses.

Signature/Seal, Applicant: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....

### Notice on personal data protection

For the evaluation of the application, CERA will process personal data that may be included in the application and the attached documents. Subject to the provisions of Law 130(I)/2021, after a License is granted, a Register of Licenses will be kept, which will be publicly available for inspection and which will contain the personal data that may be included in it.

Personal data subjects have, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, the right to information, access, rectification, deletion, restriction of processing, data portability, objection, opposition to automated decision making and complaint, either by contacting the Data Protection Officer of CERA at [dataprotection@cera.org.cy](mailto:dataprotection@cera.org.cy), or by filing a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner if their requests are not satisfied by CERA.

### Application authorization form

I hereby authorize ....., with ID Card

No ....., to submit this application for a License on my behalf.

Signature/Seal, Applicant: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

Title of the signatory: .....