

Statnett's translation of letter to Statnett from Ministry of Petroleum and Energy dated December 8, 2005, where Statnett is appointed as Issuing Body for Guarantees of Origin in Norway:

Guarantees of Origin for renewable electrical power

With reference to the letters from the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of 3 and 4 November 2003 concerning temporary Guarantees of Origin.

Subsequent to initiatives from Norway and our partners in EFTA, on the 8 July 2005 the EEA committee agreed to incorporate a directive concerning renewable energy in the EEA agreement. The directive shall now be implemented in Norway, although in practice several of the directive's sections have already been implemented here. In the above-mentioned letter, Statnett was appointed as issuer of Guarantees of Origin. At the time, the Guarantees of Origin were considered temporary, as the directive was not then a part of the EEA agreement.

The Ministry requests that once the decision to include the directive concerning renewable energy comes into force, Statnett makes the existing scheme for Guarantees of Origin permanent. The Ministry points out that Statnett is responsible for settlement through a separate concession, c.f. first sentence, second subsection, section 4-3 of the Norwegian Energy Act. In the second sentence, second subsection, section 4-3 it states that the party responsible for settlement shall ensure that all production and consumption of electrical power is correctly balanced. In the view of the Ministry, the issuing of Guarantees of Origin is linked to the duties of the party responsible for settlement. NVE will monitor the scheme.

Based on objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria, Statnett must be able to ensure that electricity is produced from renewable sources. Upon request, such an origination guarantee shall be issued to the legitimate producers.

The origination guarantee shall state which energy source was used to produce the electricity and the time and place of production. If the electricity is produced at a hydro-power plant, the capacity of the plant must be stated. The origination guarantee must uniquely certify these properties upon production and Statnett must implement its own mechanisms to ensure that the Guarantees of Origin are correct and reliable.

Guarantees of Origin sold to other countries that have implemented the directive cannot be used by these countries when calculating the share of renewable electricity.

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