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OTE Introduces a New Product on the Day-Ahead Electricity Market: Loop-Block

OTE Continues to Enhance Its Services and Deliver New Solutions That Support the Efficient Functioning of Energy Markets. The Next Step in This Ongoing Development Is the Introduction of the New Loop-Block Product on the Day-Ahead Electricity Market.

The Loop-Block product expands the range of trading instruments available through the OTE trading platform, providing market participants with new opportunities to optimize their trading strategies. It represents a new type of block order consisting of a pair of interconnected blocks that are always either accepted or rejected together.

The product enables the combination of buy and sell blocks within a single trading strategy. It is particularly well suited for modelling energy storage operations, where one block represents energy charging and the other its subsequent discharge into the power system.

"The electricity market is evolving rapidly, and as the importance of flexibility continues to grow, so do the needs of market participants. By introducing the Loop-Block product, we are responding to these developments and expanding the opportunities for efficient trading. Our priority remains the development of a transparent and reliable market environment capable of adapting to the emerging challenges of the energy sector," says Michal Puchel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of OTE.

The launch of the new Loop-Block product is scheduled for 14 October 2026, when the first trading session will take place for delivery on 15 October 2026.

OTE would like to thank all market participants who took part in testing this new product. Their active cooperation and valuable feedback played a key role in the successful completion of the testing phase.

As a trusted partner to market participants, OTE continues to expand its services and support modern market instruments that contribute to the secure, transparent, and reliable operation of the electricity market.

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OTE, a.s., holds a license for market operator activities, which includes the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic. A Nominated Electricity Market Organizer (NEMO) is established by the Energy Regulatory Office, which ensures a unified connection of the day and intraday markets. It acts as the National Administrator of the Union Registry for Emissions Trading.

As a market operator and nominated organizer of the electricity market, OTE ensures, among other things, the organization of trading on the day-ahead, intraday electricity market and the intraday gas market in the Czech Republic, and in this activity participates in the organization of the unified EU electricity market. It performs accounting and financial settlement of imbalances between the contractual and actual values of electricity and gas supplies and withdrawals and ensures the administrative change of the supplier of both commodities. It also provides the participants of the electricity and gas market in the Czech Republic with continuous processing and exchange of data and documents for their activities on the electricity market and the gas market, and reports business data from short-term OTE markets to the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Authorities (ACER).

In the name of the Czech Republic and on its account, it supplies settlement entities or takes gas from them when receiving or providing international aid in the gas industry. It administers and pays out compensation payments according to the Act on Measures for the Czech Republic's Transition to Low-Carbon Energy. It is responsible for the administration of the system for the payment of support for supported energy sources. It issues and registers guarantees of the origin of energy and keeps records of the implementation of the use of renewable resources in transport. It ensures many other activities contributing to the development of the energy sector in the Czech Republic and Europe.

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