

Bank guarantee¹ (Sample Document)

[BANK NAME]

[BANK ADDRESS]

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The execution and management of balance groups in Switzerland is the task of Swissgrid Ltd., Bleichemattstrasse 31, P.O. Box, CH-5001 Aarau (hereinafter «**Beneficiary**»).

[COMPANY NAME], [ADDRESS] (hereinafter «**balance group manager (BGM)**»), accepts upon signing the terms of the «balance group contract» and of the «general balance group provisions».

[BANK NAME] (hereinafter «**Bank**») acknowledges that the BGM entered into a balance group contract as of [DATE] with the Beneficiary. According to the terms of the «balance group contract» and of the «general balance group provisions», payments for the services of the Beneficiary must be backed up by a bank guarantee of up to € [AMOUNT] (written in full: [AMOUNT IN WORDS]).

[BANK NAME] hereby irrevocably undertakes to pay to the Beneficiary, upon its first demand, irrespective of the validity and the legal effects of the «balance group contract» and the «general balance group provisions» and waiving all rights of defence or objection arising from the same, any amount up to the above-mentioned maximum amount, upon receipt of the duly signed request for payment of the Beneficiary, stating that the BGM has not carried out its payment obligation.

This guarantee is valid up to [DATE]³ and shall automatically expire if the Beneficiary's request for payment has not been received by the Bank before this date.

This liability shall be reduced by every payment made by the Bank pursuant to a claim under this guarantee.

This guarantee is governed by Swiss law. Place of performance and of jurisdiction is the place of the registered office of the Beneficiary.

Place, Date: _____

Valid Signature [BANK NAME]: _____

1 The payment guarantee must have the contents above. Apart from the written requirement, no other formal requirements apply in relation to the bank guarantee.

2 The payment guarantee form, completely and correctly filled out, must be returned to Swissgrid Ltd., Corporate Finance & IR, Bleichemattstrasse 31, P.O. Box, CH-5001 Aarau

3 Valid two years minimum