

NOTICE

OMIE launches a new model of electronic collateral

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The market operator has launched a new electronic collateral management model and made it available to market participants. This will replace conventional paper bank guarantees. This model is a step forward in committing to innovation and digitization of the energy markets. It will result in better service for market participants

In order to make purchases on the electricity market, participants must provide OMIE with payment collateral to cover the risk of defaulting on a payment. Currently, participants have payment collateral totalling more than €900 million deposited with OMIE. The majority of these are in the form of bank guarantees.

Unlike other electronic bank guarantee models already on the market, OMIE's initiative allows for entirely automatic processing with its tractable XML files that are electronically signed by financial institutions. The model OMIE proposed uses a standard format that has been tailored to the characteristics of the energy markets. This makes it easier for banks to implement it. On the other hand, this model can automatically handle the entire life cycle of the guarantee, from registration to any modifications, cancellation, and, when appropriate, execution.

Market participants will present guarantees through the market operator's secure platform, and they will be validated immediately and automatically. An approved guarantee will automatically be registered in the market operator's information system so that the agent can buy on the market immediately.

OMIE is committed to making sure that this model will be progressively implemented by all financial institutions and that it will definitively replace conventional paper guarantees and even other electronic collateral formats that are not automatically processed.

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