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Revision of the Energy Law for new support scheme in Slovenia (Official Gazette RS, 70/2008)

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Reasons for the change of the Energy Law:

- Implementation of the Commission decision (2007/580/EC) on the state aid implemented by Slovenia.
- Harmonization with the Directive 2003/54/EC regarding the DSO and TSO trading with RES and CHP electricity.
- The need for new investment cycle for new RES power plants.



Financing of the new support scheme:

- The Commission in its decision stated that in Slovenia the mode of collection of the support funds (from part of the fee for network use) represents an imposed levy on domestically produced and on imported electricity for the benefit of only domestic RES and CHP producers and might in this way discriminate the imported green electricity.
- With the revision of Energy Law the mode of collection is altered to lump sum payment on connection. The lump sum amount is determined according to power of connection and the voltage level of the particular consumer and consumer group.



Concept of the support scheme:

- Support has to be in line with Community guidelines on State aid for environmental protection (OJ C 82, 1.4.2008, p.1).
- For stimulation of the RES and CHP power plant investments the operating aid concept is proven to be more convenient than investing aid.
- The period for granting of the support for RES power plants will be extended to 15 years
- Support is also granted to the RES and CHP power plants bigger than 10 MW (RES \leq 125MW, CHP \leq 200MW).



Concept of the support scheme:

- Scheme is necessary to ensure appropriate economic conditions for the development and implementation of new RES and CHP power plant projects.
- Aid is covering the difference between the cost of production and the market price of electricity.
- Operating aid is granted in the period in which the plant is depreciated.
- Scheme has to guarantee at least minimum return on investments.
- In case of any other support to the plant the amount of operating aid is adequately reduced.



Concept of the support scheme:

Support is granted to:

- New plants,
- Predominantly new plants:
 - Plants that are operating less than 15 years for RES and 10 years for CHP,
 - Plants that were refurbished (more than 50% of the cost of the same new plant) in the period of 15 years for RES and 10 years for CHP are considered predominantly new plants and are eligible to support.



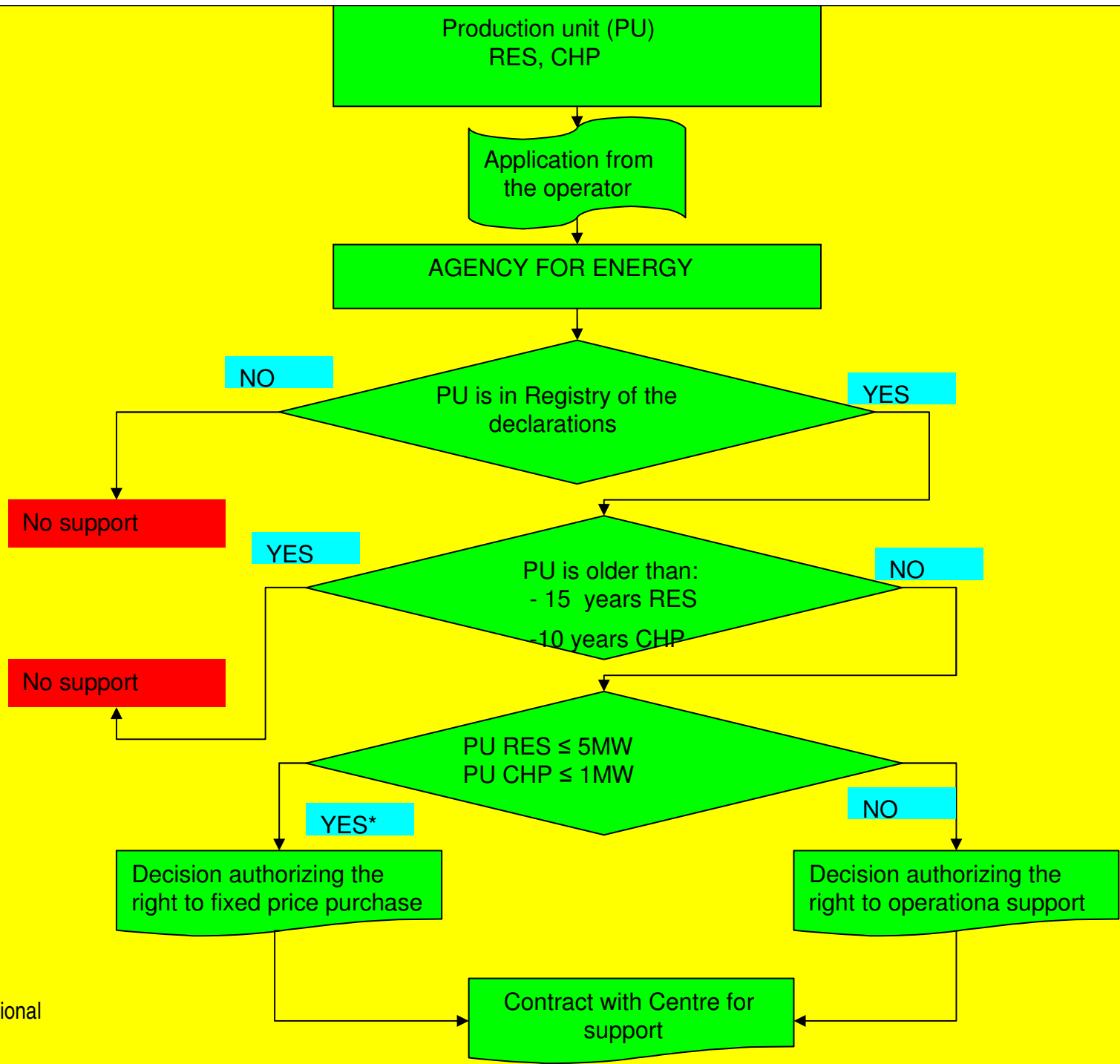
Concept of the support scheme:

- Guaranteed purchase with the fixed price up to 5MW.
- Operating aid for others.
- The amount of the fixed price for guaranteed purchase will be equal to the estimated and published reference cost of the specific RES and CHP technology (RES \leq 5MW, CHP \leq 1 MW).
- The amount of operational support (premium) is determined as the difference between reference cost of the specific RES and CHP technology and the expected market price annually predicted from the market regulator- Agency for energy.



Concept of the support scheme:

- The support is authorized for respective production unit by market regulator's (Agency for energy) decision upon an application submitted from the operator.
- The precondition for this application is that the production unit is registered in the Registry controlled at the market regulator and has received a production unit declaration.
- Operator authorized for support can make a contract with Centre for support established at the Borzen (Organizer of electricity market).
- Support is given only to the produced electricity for which the Centre for support gets Guarantees of origin.



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