

CURRENT PRACTICES FOR NETWORK STATEMENTS IN KOSOVO

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PRESENT SITUATION

- Kosovo Railways has already prepared the first draft of Network Statement in the end of 2008
- This draft was prepared as per RNE standards locally without any technical assistance
- Considering the complexity of the issues treated at NS, even though the first draft was prepared internally we considered that more stakeholders need to be involved in the process

PRESENT SITUATION

- On our request to review our NS draft by international experts, ECLO (European Commission Liaison Office) has supported us with technical assistance
- Experts from Vienna Consult have worked with our professional team for around three months
- During this period of time other stakeholders (MOTC, MEF, ECLO and Prime Minister's Office) were involved in the process

PRESENT SITUATION

- We organized joint workshops and discussed each chapter separately
- Basically chapters 1 to 5 are ready and there were not any contested issues.

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- Chapter 6 was treated and the discussions were mostly focused on this chapter by arguing different methodologies of TAC and also the level of TAC
- This chapter is not finalized yet because we need more discussions with governmental authorities to define grant figures for NS validity period

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- In general, all stakeholders agreed that TAC methodology has to be "Marginal cost-based charges and market oriented considerations"
- Presently we are in the phase of consultations with governmental authorities to define their financial obligations in order to apply such a methodology
- After the finalization of this process the last chapter will also be finalized

SUMARY

- Still we haven't approved NS
- Present draft is in accordance with RNE standards
- All stakeholders (MOTC, MEF, ECLO and Prime Minister's Office) are involved in the process
- We expect to have the completed draft ready for approval by the beginning of August
- In August, latest, we are expecting the first NS for 2009/2010 to be approved



Thank you for your attention.

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