

Electricity Act 1989

Final Order of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority") Made under section 25(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 ("EA89")

To: Whoop Energy Ltd ("Whoop Energy") (company number 11611103) whose registered office is situated at Chatterley Whitfield Enterprise Centre, Biddulph Road, Stoke-On-Trent, United Kingdom, ST6 8UW, holder of an Electricity Supply Licence (under its previous trading name Go Effortless Ltd) issued by the Authority under section 6(1)(d) of the EA89.

WHEREAS:

- A. Whoop Energy is a designated electricity supplier ("supplier") subject to the requirement to discharge its Renewables Obligation ("RO") under the arrangements set out in the Renewables Obligation Order 2015 ("the ROO") and the Renewables Obligation Order (Scotland) 2009 ("the ROS");
- B. Specifically, to meet the RO, article 7 of the ROO and ROS requires each supplier to produce to the Authority the number of Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) determined in accordance with the ROO, in respect of each megawatt hour of relevant electricity that it supplies during an obligation period, before 1 September after the obligation period in question. An obligation period is defined in article 2 of the ROO¹ as the period starting on 1 April 2016 and ending on 31 March 2017, or any subsequent period of 12 months ending with the period of 12 months ending on 31st March 2037. Article 7 is subject to articles 67 and 68 of the ROO whereby payments can be made to the Authority as an alternative to production of ROCs;
- C. Under article 67 of the ROO, payments by a supplier, as an alternative to production of ROCs, are required to be made by no later than 1 September after the obligation period in question;
- D. Under article 68 of the ROO, where a supplier has failed (in whole or part) to discharge its RO, by production of ROCs or by payments, before 1 September after the obligation

¹ And the equivalent provisions of the ROS

period in question there is a further period, (“the late payment period”). This lasts from 1 September to 31 October after that obligation period, and suppliers are able to use it to pay the outstanding sums which correspond to the UK ROCs due under their RO, together with interest on a daily basis at 5% above the Bank of England Base rate (article 68(3) and (4));

- E. Under article 68(6) of the ROO, where a supplier has paid to the Authority the outstanding sums due, together with interest, it will be treated as having discharged its RO for the relevant period;
- F. Under article 68(7) of the ROO, if, by the end of the late payment period, a supplier has not paid to the Authority the outstanding sums due, together with interest, the supplier will not have discharged its RO for the relevant period;
- G. Under these arrangements, a supplier was required to discharge its RO for the obligation period of 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 in full, via the acquisition of ROCs and/or via making a payment (or balancing payment, taking into account the value of any ROCs produced) to the Authority;
- H. Whoop Energy failed to acquire sufficient ROCs and/or make payments to discharge its RO, for the 2020-2021 obligation period, by 1 September 2021 as required by article 7 and as provided for in article 67 of the ROO;
- I. The Authority has engaged with Whoop Energy and sought suitable assurances (for example, a bank guarantee, confirmation of undrawn credit facilities, or confirmation of support from a parent company or other investor) that Whoop Energy will be in a position to make payment of the outstanding sums and interest as provided for under article 68 of the ROO in order to meet its RO within the late payment period in 2021;
- J. Whoop Energy has not provided the Authority with satisfactory assurances that it will be able to make the necessary payment(s) within the late payment period as applicable;
- K. The ROO was made by the Secretary of State (and the ROS by the Scottish Ministers), inter alia, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 32 to 32K, 32LA and 32M of EA89, which, pursuant to section 25 of and Schedule 6A to EA89, are provisions imposing obligations enforceable as “relevant requirements” by the Authority;
- L. The Authority is satisfied;
 - a. that Whoop Energy is likely to contravene the ROO and ROS, by failing to produce ROCs to the Authority, or to make payments as an alternative, sufficient to discharge its RO, which is an obligation enforceable by the Authority as a relevant requirement for the purposes of section 25 of EA89; and

- b. that the inclusion of an obligation upon Whoop Energy within a Final Order, made under section 25(1) EA89, to compel payment to the Authority of the outstanding monies including interest accrued within the late payment period (that is, by 31 October 2021), is requisite for the purpose of securing Whoop Energy's compliance with those relevant conditions and requirements.

NOW THEREFORE: The Authority, pursuant to section 25(1) of the EA89 makes a Final Order requiring Whoop Energy to:

- 1) make a payment to the Authority in full settlement of its RO, for the obligation period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, in the sum of £27,527.50 plus accrued interest² by no later than 31 October 2021;
- 2) make a payment to the Authority in full settlement of its ROS, for the obligation period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, in the sum of £28,778.75 plus accrued interest³ by no later than 31 October 2021; and
- 3) notify the Authority by email to megan.pickard@ofgem.gov.uk and marcus.clubb@ofgem.gov.uk of such payment(s) immediately after they have been made.

Dated: 28 October 2021

MEGAN FORBES

ALI NIKPAY

PHILIP MARSDEN

Enforcement Decision Panel

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

² The amount of interest due will depend on the exact date of the payment – this may be confirmed with the Authority's Renewable Electricity Compliance Team if required

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