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ICER Elects New Chairs for the VWGs

LIMA – ICER has elected the Chair and Co-chair of the Virtual Working Group 3 on Technology and Innovation. Mr. Ceiran Bishop and Ms. Rashmi Somasekharan Nair will lead the group to promote exchanges on training and education practices. Their term will conclude in the next election in the VIII WFER 2021 held in Peru.

The chair, Mr. Bishop, has 12 years of experience in electricity and regulatory policy development, distribution and transmission rate-setting, network planning and commodity pricing. He is currently director of the Strategic Policy Unit of the Ontario Energy Board. He worked as manager of Electricity Rates and Prices from 2013 to 2016. Previously, he worked in the Ministry of Energy in which he was responsible for a broad range of transmission and distribution policy issues, including project development, transmission planning, infrastructure approvals, rate impacts of system investments, regulatory renewal, interpretation and amendment of applicable codes and standards, and emergency management.

The Co-chair of the Virtual Working Group 3, Ms. Somasekharan, is the Deputy Chief on Regulatory Affairs of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) from 2014 to present as part of the team working on the Generic Renewable Energy Tariff Orders. Currently, she works in the SAFIR Secretariat. Previously, she held positions as Deputy Director of Tariff in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) focused on subsidy orders and true up of past subsidies for the licensees. In addition, she conducted an analysis of license fees and Power purchases, Sales and Resource.

Moreover, ICER also appointed the Chairs of the Virtual Working Group 2 on Gas and Other Fuels. Ms. Bagdagul Kaya Caner and Mr Karem Hanafy Mahmoud Mohamed.

Ms. Bagdagul Kaya is the Head of Natural Gas Network Operation Regulations Group at the Energy Market Regulatory Authority of the Turkish Republic (EMRA). Her central duties include working on issues relating to creating an organised natural gas market in Turkey that covers to set the gas trading and balancing platforms, TPA regulations of the transmission network, underground storage and LNG terminals.

Mr. Mahmoud is currently an Executive Chairman of Egyptian Gas Regulatory Authority (GASREG). His central responsibilities include to regulate and monitor all downstream activities related to the gas market, to ensure the availability of gas and the quality of services provided and encourage the

investment in the gas market, taking into account the interests of all participants in the gas market and the protection of stakeholders' rights.

ICER is thankful that under their leadership, the group will reach even broader recognition and it assures its commitment to guarantee successful and mutually beneficial cooperation.