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**EURPROG 2006: LATEST EDITION OF EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY SECTOR
STATISTICS REPORT PROVIDES FORECAST TO 2030**

Drawn up by EURELECTRIC's EURPROG Network of Experts, the 34th edition of *Statistics and Prospects for the European Electricity Sector (1980-1990, 2000-2030)* (EURPROG 2006) covers twenty-nine European countries. For the first time it provides forecasts until 2030, extending the time horizon by 10 years. The current edition contains historical reference data for the years 1980, 1990, 2000, 2003 and 2004 plus forecasts for the years 2010, 2020 and 2030, thus providing a useful basis for strategic analysis and policy discussions as part of our industry's overall lobbying work.

EURPROG 2006 gives the reader an overview of the structure of the electricity industry and the trends in general economic indicators, showing peak demand and load management; medium and long term power-generation programmes and prospects; electricity consumption by sector; and the energy balance for electricity. The unique value of the report lies especially in the forecasts up to 2030, which make the report essential reading for policy makers, industry players and consultants in the electricity sector.

The forecast shows that peak demand for the EU-25 (excluding Estonia and Malta) will increase by 1.3% yearly up to 664.1 GW by 2030, with total demand reaching 4 089.5 TWh, implying a slightly lower growth rate. Europe's biggest national market, Germany, will see an increase of installed net generating capacity of 0.6% annually, up to 152 GW by 2030, with net production rising to 550 TWh. For France the report predicts an increase of 1% annually up to 151 GW in installed generation, with production close to 700 TWh.

The data contained in the report were supplied by the electricity companies and organisations that are members of the EURPROG Network of Experts. The data represent the current situation and future prospects as perceived by each country. The figures do not claim to be official national forecasts made by governments or electricity associations but are to be taken as "best engineering estimates" of the group members, based on an annually updated picture of the planning and forecast situation in each country. The report thus serves as a helpful counterweight to official national forecasts for stakeholders.

The report also complements the upcoming publication of scenarios in the framework of EURELECTRIC's *Role of Electricity* project* which aims to assess the results of policy actions and technological developments rather than to provide forecasts.

EURPROG 2006 is free of charge for EURELECTRIC Members and is also offered gratis to relevant policy-makers. Third parties may obtain the report for €450 via EURELECTRIC's public website at www.eurelectric.org.