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In particular, Recital (42) of Directive 2019/944/EU emphasizes that ...

The regulatory framework governing Battery Energy Storage System Projects (BESS) in Greece is comprehensive and involves several legal and procedural steps. This framework plays a crucial role in ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the Electricity Transmission System and in stabilizing electricity demand. Further, the current memo outlines the procedure applicable to BESS projects selected through the 2nd Tender for a grant of 100,000.00 EUR/MW.

A. Licensing and Permits

The issuance of Storage Licenses for Storage Battery System Projects (SBSPs) falls under the jurisdiction of the Regulatory Authority for Waste, Energy and Water (RAAEY). Applicants are required to pay a fee, and submissions are made in monthly cycles. The Storage License is valid for 25 years with an option of renewal for another 25 years. Revocation of the license may occur if certain conditions are not met, such as failure to apply for an Environmental License or a Binding Grid Connection Offer (BGCO).

This phase involves obtaining the Storage License under Law 4001/2011 and participating in tenders for investment grant and operating aid support.

An Environmental License is mandatory, governed by Laws 1650/1986 and Law 4014/2011, as amended by Law 4685/2020. The license is classified into two categories based on the project's environmental impact.

Relevant construction licenses are required as per applicable legislation.

B. Financial and Operational Aspects

A Letter of Guarantee (LoG) is not needed for the Storage License application. RAAEY reviews the technical and financial adequacy of both the applicant and the project.

Law 4920/2022 sets the legal basis for state aid to BESS technology, which must be internationally utilized and directly connected to the System. The tender process includes several criteria, such as project capacity and technical specifications.

C. Grid Connection and Prioritization

The application is submitted to the Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO) and lines for applications



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may be extended by paying an extension fee.

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