The parameters in the Subscription Fee Regulation will be checked after intervals of two years each to ensure that they are still appropriate.

1. Ordinary members

(1.1) The membership fee for ordinary members under Article 3, Para. (1) of the Statutes will be composed of the basic package plus the fee for at least one subject-specific supplementary package.

(1.2) The fee for the basic package will be calculated on the basis of the net rated electrical output and continuous thermal output of all plants in MW indicated by the member company, plus the following specific fee rates.

(1.2.1) Plants exclusively for power generation

- **Maximum net rated electrical output**
  - for nuclear power plants, waste-, biomass-, gas-, heavy oil-, coal-fired power plants: 30 €/MWel, net
  - for run-of-river, storage, pumped storage, wave and tidal power plants, solar thermal power plants, geothermal power plants, wind power plants, battery, photovoltaic plants: 18 €/MWel, net

(1.2.2) Plants exclusively for heat or steam generation

- **Maximum continuous thermal output**: 21 €/MWth

(1.2.3) Plants for power and heat or steam generation (cogeneration plants)

- **Maximum continuous thermal output**: 6 €/MWth

(1.2.4) For plant types not explicitly listed, the fee will be calculated analogously.

(1.2.5) Plants with sites in non-German-speaking countries are granted a reduction of 50% on their fees.

(1.2.6) Plants in cold or hot reserve will be assessed as operational plants.

(1.2.7) For plants under construction, a reduction of 75% will apply until the year when commercial operation commences. The construction of a plant starts with the binding construction decision of the member company, and the fee will be calculated starting in the following year.

(1.2.8) For decommissioned nuclear power plants, a reduction of 20% per year is granted for the 4 calendar years following the approval for decommissioning or the decision of the owner to stop production. From the 5th year onward a reduction of 80% is granted. Starting in the year following the fuel removal the membership fee is omitted.

(1.2.9) For companies with their registered office in German-speaking countries, the maximum limit for the basic package fee will be € 475,000.

(1.2.10) For companies with their registered office in non-German-speaking countries, the maximum limit for the basic package fee will be € 237,500.

(1.2.11) The minimum fee for the basic package will be € 1,700 p.a.

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(1.3) The fee for a subject-specific supplementary package is determined on the basis of the amount of the fee calculated for the basic committee package.

The selectable subject-specific supplementary packages are as follows:
- Supplementary package 1: Nuclear energy
- Supplementary package 2: Coal and Waste (coal-fired power plants, heavy fuel oil power plants, waste incineration plants)
- Supplementary package 3: Gas (gas-fired power plants, block-type thermal power plants with gas motors)
- Supplementary package 4: Hydro Power (run-of-river power plants, storage and pumped storage plants, wave and tidal power plants)
- Supplementary package 5: Wind energy
- Supplementary package 6: Other Technologies (biomass, biogas, photovoltaic, storage technologies)

(1.3.1) Where the fee for the basic package is less than or equal to € 5,000 p.a., the fee for one subject-specific supplementary package is € 500 p.a.

(1.3.2) Where the fee for the basic package is greater than € 5,000 p.a., the fee for one subject-specific supplementary package is € 2,000 p.a.

(1.4) For ordinary members that pay the membership fee under 1.2 and 1.3, free access to VGB standards, directives and data sheets in electronic format is included in the membership fee.

2. Extraordinary members

(2.1) The membership fee for extraordinary members under Article 3, Para. (2) of the Statutes is € 1,800 p.a.

3. Sponsoring members

(3.1) The membership fee for supporting members under Article 3, Para. (3) of the Statutes is dependent on the number of employees at the member company:

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(3.2) Membership fee for individual persons

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