# POWER MARKET AND STATE AID

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# State aid and the power market

## Support to RES

- Renewables increasingly competitive, especially in places with good resources.
  Technology development and cost reduction
- Efficient CO<sub>2</sub> price best support for RES
- Support should be based on market mechanisms (auctions, certificates, etc)
- Other support for non-mature technologies
- Compensation for indirect CO<sub>2</sub> costs
  - Competitiveness challenge for industry with high share of costs for electricity
  - Statkraft supports compensation, which needs to be independent from the power market



# **Compensation scheme in Norway**

- Basis for compensation
  - Calculation of compensation based ESA guidelines for state aid related to EU ETS after 2012
  - Emission factor of 0,67 t CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh applied
  - CO<sub>2</sub> costs in 2018 are based on average EUA prices through 2017 with delivery in december 2018
  - Payment in april of following year
  - Long term contracts before 2005 and own production not eligible for compensation
- Competent authority
  - Norwegian Environment Agency



# **Compensation payments**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO2 price [NOK/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	59,27	36,61	51,68	70,02	50,25	54,91	155,31
Compensation [NOK]	222 695 445	401 856 692	497 897 386	636 413 167	469 248 758		



## **ETS**

- Most efficient instrument for climate policy and reduction of emissions
- Market based change of relative prices
- C0<sub>2</sub> price is integrated part of the power price
- Separation of C0<sub>2</sub> price discriminates renewables and is against the principles of the ETS



## **Power price formation**

- Forward price
  - Based on demand /supply
  - Indicates level of market price, not obligatory to use
  - Volatile

#### PPAs

- Contracts on commercial basis
- One price negotiated, but many different elements
  - Expectet market prices
  - Delivery profile
  - Hedging
  - Risk allocation
  - C0<sub>2</sub>
  - Possible taxes and charges



## Itemising is impossible

- Impossible to define C0<sub>2</sub>
  share in price
- Different volatility for power and C0<sub>2</sub>
- Different expectations



# **Possible impacts**

- Specification of C0<sub>2</sub> component leads to different power prices and weakens efficiency of power market and equal level playing field
  - Contracts for RES not attractive RES gets disadvatage
  - Incentivizes powerintensive industry to demand fossil fuels against intention of ETS and climate policy
- Compensation needs to be paid independent from power price and through state budget





