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To the National Securities Market Commission

Subject: Implementation of the first paid-up capital increase approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholders' Meeting of Iberdrola, S.A. on 8 April 2016 and publication of the relevant information memorandum (documento informativo)

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to article 228 of the restated text of the Securities Market Law approved by the Royal Legislative Decree 4/2015, of 23 October (*texto refundido de la Ley del Mercado de Valores aprobado por el Real Decreto Legislativo 4/2015, de 23 de octubre*) and related provisions, we hereby inform you that the Board of Directors of Iberdrola, S.A. ("**Iberdrola**" or the "**Company**"), at its meeting held today, has resolved to carry out the implementation of the first paid-up capital increase, approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholders' Meeting of Iberdrola held on 8 April 2016 under sections A and 1 to 11 (both inclusive) of item number six on the agenda (the "**Capital Increase**").

For the purposes of article 26.1.e) of *Royal Decree 1310/2005, of 4 November, which partially elaborates upon the provisions of Law 24/1988 of 28 July, on the Securities Market, in connection with the admission of securities to trading on official secondary markets, public offers for the sale or subscription of securities and the prospectus required for such purposes (Real Decreto 1310/2005, de 4 de noviembre, por el que se desarrolla parcialmente la Ley 24/1988, de 28 de julio, del Mercado de Valores, en materia de admisión a negociación de valores en mercados secundarios oficiales, de ofertas públicas de venta o suscripción y del folleto exigible a tales efectos)*, we provide you, enclosed hereto as an annex, with the information memorandum (*documento informativo*) regarding the implementation of the Capital Increase approved by the Board of Directors of Iberdrola in the aforementioned meeting.

Finally, it is expressly stated that, at its meeting held today, the Board of Directors of the Company has also resolved that the dividend payment to be made with a charge to the results of the fiscal year ended on 31 December 2015 amounting to a gross amount of 0.03 euros per each outstanding share of Iberdrola on the date of the corresponding payment with the right to receive dividends will take place on 7 July 2016.

This information is provided to you for the appropriate purposes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Board of Directors

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Annex
Information memorandum relating to the implementation of the first paid-up capital increase with a charge to reserves approved by the shareholders of Iberdrola, S.A. acting at the General Shareholders' Meeting on 8 April 2016

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST PAID-UP CAPITAL INCREASE WITH A CHARGE TO RESERVES APPROVED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IBERDROLA, S.A. ACTING AT THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING ON 8 APRIL 2016

1. PURPOSE

1.1. Background

At the General Shareholders' Meeting of Iberdrola, S.A. (hereinafter, "Iberdrola" or the "Company") held on 8 April 2016, the shareholders approved, under sections A and 1 to 11 (both inclusive) of item number six on the agenda (the "Shareholders' Resolution"), a wholly paid-up share capital increase with a charge to the reserves contemplated in article 303.1 of the *Companies Act (Ley de Sociedades de Capital)*, by means of the issuance of ordinary shares for the free allocation thereof to the shareholders of the Company (the "Capital Increase").

Under the Shareholders' Resolution, the maximum market value of reference of the Capital Increase would be 855 million euros and it could be implemented within one year following approval thereof.

Likewise, by means of the Shareholders' Resolution, the following powers were delegated in favour of the Board of Directors, with express substitution powers and in accordance with article 297.1.a) of the *Companies Act*: (i) to determine the date, within one year following the approval of the Shareholders' Resolution, on which the Capital Increase should take place and agree on the timetable for the implementation of the Capital Increase; (ii) to determine the reserves, among those included in the Shareholders' Resolution, with a charge to which the implementation of the Capital Increase and the acquisition by the Company of the free allocation rights pursuant to the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola will be carried out; (iii) to determine, within the limits set forth in the Shareholders' Resolution, the object of such purchase commitment; and (iv) to establish the conditions of the Capital Increase in all matters not provided for in the Shareholders' Resolution.

In this regard, the Board of Directors of the Company has approved, on the date hereof, to implement the Capital Increase and set the market value of reference for the Capital Increase in an amount within the minimum of 779 million euros and the maximum of 845 million euros, which is –in any case– within the limits established in the Shareholders' Resolution. The specific amount corresponding to the market value of reference of the Capital Increase, which shall in all cases guarantee a fixed price of the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola of, at least, 0.123 gross euros per right, will be communicated by means of a supplement to this information memorandum that is expected to be published on 1 July 2016.

All the foregoing without prejudice to the payment of a dividend of 0.03 gross euros per each share of Iberdrola with the right of receiving dividends, that was approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholders' Meeting under item number five of the agenda, and that will take place on 7 July 2016.

1.2. Purpose

Pursuant to article 26.1.e) of *Royal Decree 1310/2005, of 4 November, which partially elaborates upon the provisions of Law 24/1988 of 28 July, on the Securities Market, in connection with the admission of securities to trading on official secondary markets, public offers for the sale or subscription of securities and the prospectus required for such purposes (Real Decreto 1310/2005, de 4 de noviembre, por el que se desarrolla parcialmente la Ley 24/1988, de 28 de julio, del Mercado de Valores, en materia de admisión a negociación de valores en mercados secundarios oficiales, de ofertas públicas de venta o suscripción y del folleto exigible a tales efectos)*, the admission to trading of the new shares of Iberdrola issued on the Capital Increase shall not require the preparation and publication of a prospectus relating thereto "provided that the said shares are of the same class as the shares already admitted to trading on the same regulated market and there is a document available containing information regarding the number and types of shares and the rationale for and details of the offer."

In view of the foregoing, Iberdrola issues this information memorandum, the purpose of which is to provide all of the information referred to in the preceding paragraph that is available on the date hereof with respect to the Capital Increase. Upon determination of the market value of reference of the Capital Increase, the number of free allocation rights needed to allocate one new share of Iberdrola, as well as the fixed price for the purchase of such rights under the purchase commitment assumed by the Company, this information will be made available to the public by means of a supplement to this memorandum through a notice of a significant event (*comunicación de hecho relevante*) that is expected to be published on 1 July 2016. In addition, once the implementation of the

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Capital Increase has been completed and all of the remaining information is available, it will be published by means of the corresponding notice of significant event.

2. REASONS AND PROCEDURE FOR THE CAPITAL INCREASE

2.1. Reasons for the Capital Increase

The Capital Increase was approved by the shareholders at Iberdrola's General Shareholders' Meeting in order to implement, for the seventh consecutive year, a system for compensating shareholders called "Iberdrola Flexible Dividend" ("*Iberdrola Dividendo Flexible*"). Through this system, which was implemented by the Company for the first time in the fiscal year 2010, Iberdrola intends to:

- (i) offer its shareholders the ability to decide whether they prefer to receive all or a portion of their compensation of the system in cash or in new paid-up shares of the Company; and
- (ii) allow those shareholders who so desire to benefit from the favourable tax treatment applicable to paid-up shares, without in any way limiting their ability to receive the amount of the compensation to which they are entitled in cash.

2.2. Procedure for the Capital Increase

Pursuant to the terms provided for the implementation of the Capital Increase, the Company's shareholders will receive one free allocation right for each share of Iberdrola that they hold. These rights will be traded on the Bilbao, Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia Stock Exchanges between 5 and 19 July 2016, both inclusive. At the end of this period, the free allocation rights shall be automatically converted into newly-issued shares of the Company.

Under the "Iberdrola Flexible Dividend" system, the shareholders of Iberdrola will be able to freely choose among¹:

- (a) Not transferring their free allocation rights. In this case, at the end of the trading period, the shareholders will receive the number of new totally paid-up shares to which they are entitled.
- (b) Transfer all or a portion of their free allocation rights to Iberdrola pursuant to the purchase commitment assumed by it and which will be referred to later in this document. In this way, the shareholders may choose to monetise their rights and receive a guaranteed fixed price.
- (c) Transfer all or a portion of their free allocation rights on the market. In this case, the shareholders may also choose to monetise their rights, although they would not receive a guaranteed fixed price, but rather the consideration for the rights would depend on market conditions, in general, and on the listing prices for such rights, in particular.

The shareholders of the Company will be able to combine any of the alternatives mentioned in paragraphs (a) through (c) above based on their needs. In this regard, it should be kept in mind that such alternatives will be subject to a different tax treatment.

For its part, and pursuant to the Shareholders' Resolution, Iberdrola has made an irrevocable commitment to acquire the free allocation rights at a fixed price. In turn, the Board of Directors is empowered to determine the extension of such commitment between the following two alternatives: (i) the free allocation rights received without a charge by the shareholders, excluding those rights that have been transferred on the market; or (ii) all of the free allocation rights, regardless of whether the holders thereof have received them from the Company without a charge or have acquired them on the market.

In the exercise of the aforementioned powers and taking into account the current market conditions, the Board of Directors has resolved at its meeting held today that the referred purchase commitment will be extended to every free allocation right, regardless of whether the holders (i) have received them from the Company for appearing legitimated in the book-entry records of "*Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A. Unipersonal*" (IBERCLEAR) or (ii) have acquired them on the market.

¹ The options available to the holders of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") or CREST Depositary Interests ("CDIs") may have special characteristics with respect to the options described herein given the terms and conditions applicable to the programs in which they participate.

The fixed price at which Iberdrola will acquire such rights, which will be calculated prior to the commencement of the trading period for the free allocation rights² in accordance with the formula set forth below, will allow the Company to guarantee its shareholders the ability to monetise their rights if they do not want to receive new shares. In this regard, it is estimated that the referred fixed price of the purchase commitment will amount to, at least, 0.123 gross euros per right. This purchase commitment will take effect and may be accepted between 5 and 15 July 2016, both inclusive, pursuant to the estimated timetable for the implementation of the Capital Increase set forth in section 3.1 below.

The acquisition by Iberdrola of the free allocation rights as a consequence of the exercise of such purchase commitment shall be made with a charge to the unrestricted reserves account called “Voluntary Reserves” (“*Reservas Voluntarias*”).

Specifically, the number of free allocation rights needed to receive one new share, as well as the fixed price for the purchase of such rights under such purchase commitment, will be calculated as follows:

- The number of free allocation rights required to receive one new share of Iberdrola will be the number resulting from the application of the following formula, rounded to the next highest whole number:

$$\text{Num. rights} = \text{TNShrs.} / \text{Provision num. of shrs.}$$

where,

“**Num. rights**” = Number of free allocation rights needed for the allocation of one new share of Iberdrola.

“**TNShrs**” = Number of outstanding shares of Iberdrola on the date of implementation of the Capital Increase³. For the purposes hereof, the “**date of implementation of the Capital Increase**” shall be that date on which the Executive Committee or the chairman and chief executive officer of the Company, pursuant to the delegation of powers made by the Board of Directors at its meeting held today, performs the arithmetical calculations arising from the application of the formulas referred to herein in order to calculate the provisional number of shares to be issued, the number of free allocation rights needed for the allocation of one share, the “**ListPri**,” and the maximum nominal amount of the Capital Increase, which is expected to occur on 1 July 2016.

“**Provisional num. of shrs.**” = Market value of reference of the Capital Increase⁴ / ListPri.

For these purposes, “**ListPri**” will be the arithmetic mean of the average weighted listing prices of the Company’s shares on the Bilbao, Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia Stock Exchanges at the five trading sessions corresponding to 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 June 2016, as such average appears in a certification to be issued by the Governing Company (*Sociedad Rectora*) of the Bilbao Stock Exchange, rounded to the closest one-thousandth part of one euro.

The number of free allocation rights required to receive one new share of Iberdrola based on the application of this formula will be specified in a supplement to this memorandum, which is expected to be delivered to the National Securities Market Commission on 1 July 2016 by means of a notice of significant event.

If necessary, Iberdrola will waive the number of free allocation rights needed for the number of new shares to be a whole number and not a fraction. In such event, there will be an incomplete allocation of the Capital Increase, and the share capital will be increased solely by the amount of free allocation rights that have not been waived, pursuant to the provisions of article 311 of the *Companies Act*.

² The calculation of this fixed price will occur on 1 July 2016.

³ The number of outstanding shares of Iberdrola that will be taken into account for these purposes is 6,240,000,000, resulting from the share capital reduction through the redemption of own shares approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholders’ Meeting under item number twelve of its agenda, and the implementation of which has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held today and communicated to the National Securities Market Commission by means of a notice of a significant event (*comunicación de hecho relevante*) on the date hereof.

⁴ The determination of the market value of reference of the Capital Increase will take place on 1 July 2016.

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- The purchase price of the free allocation rights under the purchase commitment made by Iberdrola will be calculated in accordance with the following formula (rounded to the closest one-thousandth part of one euro and, in case of a half of a thousandth part of one euro, to the next higher one-thousandth part of one euro):

$$\text{Purchase Price} = \text{ListPri} / (\text{Num. rights} + 1)$$

where “ListPri” and “Num. rights” have the meaning provided above.

3. DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPITAL INCREASE

3.1. Estimated timetable

The estimated timetable for the implementation of the Capital Increase will be as follows:

- 1 July 2016
 - Notice of significant event regarding the number of free allocation rights required to receive one newly-issued share and the price of the commitment assumed by Iberdrola to purchase free allocation rights.
- 4 July 2016
 - Publication of the announcement of the implementation of the Capital Increase in the Official Gazette of the Commercial Registry.
 - *Last trading date* on which the shares of Iberdrola are traded with the right to participate in the “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend” system.
- 5 July 2016
 - *Ex date* from which – inclusive – the shares of Iberdrola will be traded without the right to participate in the system “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend” implemented through the Capital Increase.
 - Commencement of the trading period for the free allocation rights and of the period to request compensation in cash under the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola.
- 15 July 2016
 - End of the period to request compensation in cash under the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola.
- 19 July 2016
 - End of the trading period for the free allocation rights.
 - Acquisition by Iberdrola of the free allocation rights to those who have elected to receive cash under the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola.
- 21 July 2016
 - Payment of cash to the holders of free allocation rights who have elected to receive cash under the purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola.
- 28 July 2016
 - Registration of the newly-issued shares to be issued under the Capital Increase in the book-entry records of “Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A. Unipersonal” (IBERCLEAR).
- 29 July 2016
 - Expected commencement of trading of the newly-issued ordinary shares to be issued under the Capital Increase.

This timetable is adapted to the generalized understanding in the market of the provisions of Royal Decree 878/2015, of 2 October, on clearing, settlement and registry of marketable securities represented by book entries, on the legal regime of the central securities depositories and of the central counterparties entities and on the transparency requirements of the issuers of securities admitted to trading in an official secondary market (*Real Decreto 878/2015, de 2 de octubre, sobre compensación, liquidación y registro de valores negociables*

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representados mediante anotaciones en cuenta, sobre el régimen jurídico de los depositarios centrales de valores y de las entidades de contrapartida central y sobre requisitos de transparencia de los emisores de valores admitidos a negociación en un mercado secundario oficial) published in the State Official Gazette on 3 October 2015, which, among other matters, entails the reform of the system of registry, clearing and settlement of securities (the “**Reform**”).

It is stated that the estimated timetable for the implementation of the Capital Increase is based on estimations made according to the information available at the date of this information memorandum in relation with the Reform. Therefore, certain matters (such as the date of commencement of trading of the newly-issued ordinary shares to be issued under the Capital Increase) may be subject to subsequent amendments. In such case, the market will be duly informed of the changes to the estimated timetable for the implementation of the Capital Increase approved by the Board of Directors on the date hereof, whether through the supplement to this information memorandum which is expected to be released to the National Securities Market Commission on 1 July 2016 or through the relevant notice of significant event.

Furthermore, both the period for accepting the commitment to purchase the free allocation rights, as well as the scheduled dates for actual payment of cash and delivery of shares, may be different for holders of ADRs (in the United States of America) and CDIs (in the United Kingdom) representing shares of the Company.

3.2. Negotiation of the free allocation rights and procedure for choosing cash or new shares of the Company

The free allocation rights will be traded on the Bilbao, Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia Stock Exchanges through the Automated Quotation System (Electronic Market) between 5 and 19 July 2016. During such term, a sufficient number of free allocation rights may be acquired on the market in the proportion required to receive new shares⁵.

During the period for trading the free allocation rights, their holders may choose between receiving newly-issued shares of the Company or an amount in cash equivalent to the fixed and guaranteed purchase price to which they are entitled, all upon the terms described above, as well as acquiring sufficient free allocation rights on the market in the proportion required to subscribe for new shares. However, holders of free allocation rights who wish to accept the irrevocable commitment assumed by Iberdrola to purchase such rights, in the terms described above, and thus receive an amount in cash, equal to the fixed and guaranteed purchase price to which they are entitled, must communicate their decision to the entity with which their shares are deposited no later than 15 July 2016.

In order to choose from among the options that Iberdrola is offering on occasion of the Capital Increase, holders of free allocation rights must contact the entities with which their free allocation rights are deposited within the periods set forth in the preceding paragraph. A failure to make an express decision will cause the shareholder to receive a number of new shares in proportion to their totally paid-up shares^{6 7}.

⁵ Those who do not have free allocation rights in a number sufficient to receive one new share may: (a) acquire on the market a sufficient number of free allocation rights which, added to those already held by them, give them the right to receive one new share; (b) transfer all or part of their free allocation rights to Iberdrola under the purchase commitment at a guaranteed fixed price; or (c) transfer all or part of their free allocation rights on the market (in which case they will not be entitled to receive a guaranteed fixed price; rather, the consideration for their rights will depend on market conditions, in general, and on the listing price of the free-of-charge allocation rights, in particular).

⁶ However, as regards the conditions described in this paragraph, the holders of ADRs and CDIs must comply with the particularities of the programs in which they participate.

⁷ It is possible that, at the end of the trading period for the free allocation rights, the number of rights held by a particular holder is a number that, taking into account the calculation formulas referred to in this memorandum, does not give such holder the right to receive a whole number of shares. In such case, the entity with which the holder of the free allocation rights has deposited them may sell the number of rights resulting in a fraction of a new share, such that the holder will receive the proceeds from the sale in cash and will not lose the intrinsic value of such rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this possibility is subject to the terms and conditions of the securities deposit and management agreement signed with the relevant depository entity or the instructions that the holder of the rights has given thereto.

3.3. Expenses and fees

The Capital Increase is made free of expenses and fees with respect to the allocation of newly-issued shares. Iberdrola will assume the expenses of issuance, subscription, flotation, admission to trading and other expenses relating to the Capital Increase.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, the shareholders of the Company and the holders of free allocation rights must bear in mind that the member entities of “*Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A. Unipersonal*” (IBERCLEAR) with which they keep their shares and free allocation rights on deposit may, pursuant to applicable legislation, establish such pass-through management fees and expenses as they may freely determine as a consequence of maintaining the securities in their book-entry registries. Likewise, such member entities may, pursuant to applicable legislation, establish such pass-through fees and expenses as they may freely determine for the processing of orders to purchase and sell free allocation rights.

4. NUMBER AND NATURE OF THE SHARES

4.1. Maximum number of shares to be issued in the Capital Increase

The maximum number of shares to be issued as a result of the Capital Increase will be the result of the formula approved by the shareholders at Iberdrola’s General Shareholders’ Meeting, which is set forth below (the result to be rounded to the next lower integer):

$NNS = \text{TNshrs} / \text{Num. rights}$
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where,

“**NNS**” = Maximum number of new shares to be issued; and

“**TNShrs**” and “**Num. shares**” have the meanings set forth above.

In any event, in accordance with the Shareholders’ Resolution, as well as the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company approved at its meeting held today, the maximum number of shares to be issued in the Capital Increase will be such that the reference market value of such shares (calculated at the “**ListPri**”) will in no event be greater than the amount that will be determined on 1 July 2016, which will be within the minimum of 779 million euros and the maximum of 845 million euros.

It is expected that the maximum number of new shares to be issued will be publicly disclosed on 1 July 2016 by means of a supplement to this information memorandum.

However, the number of shares actually issued will depend on the number of holders of free allocation rights who decide not to transfer their rights. Iberdrola will waive the new shares corresponding to the free allocation rights acquired by application of the above-referenced purchase commitment⁸. In any event, the final number of shares to be issued within the context of the Capital Increase will be made available to the public on a timely basis by means of a notice of significant event regarding the close of the implementation of the Capital Increase.

Enclosed as an annex to this information memorandum is an example of the calculation of the maximum number of shares that would be issued on the Capital Increase, of the number of free allocation rights required for the allocation of a new share, and of the purchase price of each free allocation right corresponding to the irrevocable purchase commitment made by Iberdrola.

4.2. Rights attached to the new shares

The new shares to be issued in the Capital Increase will be ordinary shares having a par value of 0.75 euros each, of the same class and series as those currently outstanding, for which reason the Capital Increase will be made at par and, therefore, without a share premium. The new shares to be issued will be represented by book entries,

⁸ In addition, in the event that the number of outstanding Iberdrola shares after deducting the shares corresponding to the free allocation rights acquired by Iberdrola pursuant to the purchase commitment (which Iberdrola will waive pursuant to the Shareholders’ Resolution) is a fraction, Iberdrola will also waive that number of its free allocation rights that are required for the number of new shares ultimately issued under the Capital Increase to be a whole number and not a fraction.

and the book-entry registration of which will be entrusted to “*Sociedad de Gestión de los Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A. Unipersonal*” (IBERCLEAR).

The new shares will grant their holders the same political and economic rights as the ordinary shares of Iberdrola currently outstanding as from the date that the Capital Increase implemented is declared to be subscribed for and paid up. In particular, holders of the new shares will be entitled to receive the interim dividends and supplemental dividend amounts, if any, that are paid as from the date that the Capital Increase is declared to be subscribed for and paid up.

4.3. Balance sheet and reserve with a charge to which the Capital Increase is carried out

The balance sheet used as a basis for the Capital Increase is the one for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2015, which was audited by “Ernst & Young, S.L.” and approved by the General Shareholders’ Meeting of Iberdrola held on 8 April 2016, under item number one on the agenda.

The Capital Increase will be carried out with a charge to the reserve called “RDL Update 7/1996” (“*Actualización RDL 7/1996*”), which, as of 31 December 2015, amounted to 505,242,383.24 euros. Likewise, it is expressly stated that, as of the date hereof, the aforementioned reserve amounts to 459,997,133.24 euros, and that the difference between the two amounts (45,245,250 euros) is solely due to the partial allocation of such balance to pay up the implementation of the second paid-up capital increase approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholder’s Meeting of the Company held on 27 March 2015 under section B of item six of its agenda, which was formalised on 26 January 2016 before the notary of the Illustrious College of the Basque Country Mr. José Antonio Isusi Ezcurdia under number 228 of his protocol, and registered at the Commercial Registry of Biscay.

4.4. Shares on deposit

At the end of the period for trading the free allocation rights and once the implementation of the Capital Increase has been closed, the new shares, if any, that could not be allocated for reasons not attributable to Iberdrola will be maintained on deposit available to the parties who show that they are the rightful owners of the corresponding free allocation rights. After the passage of three years from the date of deposit of the new shares that could not have been allocated for reasons not attributable to Iberdrola, the new shares that are still pending allocation may be sold in accordance with the provisions of article 117 of the *Companies Act*, for the account and risk of the interested parties. The cash amount of such sale will be deposited with *Banco de España* or *Caja General de Depósitos*, and will be available to the interested parties.

4.5. Admission of the new shares to trading

Iberdrola will make application for the trading of the new shares to be issued as a consequence of the Capital Increase on the Bilbao, Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia Stock Exchanges, through the Automated Quotation System (Electronic Market), and will carry out such acts and formalities as are required for the admission of the new shares to trading.

4.6. Tax treatment

On the occasion of the first implementation of the “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend” system, the Company submitted a request for binding tax ruling to the General Tax Directorate (*Dirección General de Tributos*) (the “GTD”) regarding the tax treatment applicable in Spain to the Iberdrola shareholders that was filed with the referred body on 23 November 2009. Such request for binding tax ruling was answered by the GTD on 27 April 2010, and, in turn, was clarified by the GTD —at Iberdrola’s request— on 1 October 2010.

The tax treatment that derives from such tax ruling is the one described below. This treatment has not been modified since the date of the answer by the GTD for shareholders residing in the common territory (*territorio común*), without prejudice to the amendments introduced by the tax reform approved by the Spanish Parliament in November 2014 to the tax regime of the Personal Income Tax (*Impuesto sobre la Renta de las Personas Físicas*, “IRPF”) applicable in the common territory of Spain and of the Non-Resident Income Tax (*Impuesto sobre la Renta de no Residentes*, “IRNR”), with regards to the shareholders subject to those taxes who participate in the “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend” system. These amendments, which directly affect the taxation of the different options of the “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend System”, will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

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Pursuant to the Spanish tax legislation, both in the common territory and in the Historic Territories of the Basque Country (*Territorios Históricos del País Vasco*) and in the Autonomous Region of Navarre (*Comunidad Foral de Navarra*), shareholders who choose to receive newly-issued shares as a consequence of the Capital Increase will not be taxed for such choice for the purposes of the IRPF, of the Corporate Income Tax (*Impuesto sobre Sociedades*) (“IS”) nor the IRNR, whether or not non-residents act through a permanent establishment in Spain. Furthermore, they will not be subject to any withholdings or payments on account.

The acquisition value for these shareholders, both for the new shares received as a consequence of the Capital Increase and for the shares from which they derive, will result from distributing the total cost of acquisition among the number of securities (both those existing and those issued as paid-up shares corresponding thereto). Such paid-up shares belonging to those shareholders will be deemed to have been held for as long as the shares from which they derive. Consequently, in the event of a subsequent transfer, the income subject to taxation obtained will be calculated with reference to this new value.

In the event that the shareholders sell their free allocation rights on the market, the amount obtained for the transfer of such rights on the market will be subject to the following tax treatment:

- For purposes of the IRPF and the IRNR on non-residents without a permanent establishment in Spain, the amount obtained for the transfer of the free allocation rights on the market is subject to the same treatment that tax regulations provide for pre-emptive rights. Accordingly, the amount obtained in the transfer of the free allocation rights in 2016 decreases the acquisition value for tax purposes of the shares from which such rights derive.

Thus, if the amount obtained for the aforementioned transfer is higher than the acquisition value of the securities from which they derive, the difference will be deemed to be a capital gain earned by the transferor in the tax period in which the transfer is effected; all the foregoing without prejudice to the potential application to taxable persons of the IRNR acting without a permanent establishment of the international treaties, including the treaties for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion on Income Tax subscribed by Spain and to those to whom they may be entitled.

From 1 January 2017, the amount obtained as a result of transfers of free allocation rights carried out in 2017 will be deemed a capital gain with regards to the IRPF (including the IRPF applicable to the individual shareholders residing in the Autonomous Region of Navarre) and to the IRNR on non-residents without a permanent establishment in Spain, without prejudice to the potential application to the taxable persons of the IRNR acting without a permanent establishment of the international treaties, including the treaties for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion on Income Tax subscribed by Spain and to those to whom they may be entitled, and to the exemptions established in the IRNR regulations.

In addition, for the individual shareholders subject to the IRPF applicable in the common territory of Spain, the amount obtained as a result of the transfers of the free allocation rights will be subject to the relevant withholding on account of such tax from 1 January 2017. This withholding will be carried out by the relevant depositary entity (and, alternatively, by the financial intermediary or the notary public who has intervened in the transfer).

For individual shareholders residing in the Historic Territories of the Basque Country, the amounts obtained as a result of the transfer of the free allocation rights shall be directly deemed as capital gains, both in 2016 and 2017.

- For purposes of the IS and the IRNR on non-residents with a permanent establishment in Spain, and to the extent that a complete commercial-cycle is closed, the tax will be paid pursuant to applicable accounting regulations and, in such case, to the special regimes of the above referred taxes. And all of this without prejudice to the rules of determination of the taxable base of such taxes which, as the case may be, shall be applicable.

In the event that holders of free allocation rights in respect to which the Company has made the purchase commitment decide to accept the irrevocable purchase commitment assumed by Iberdrola, the tax treatment applicable to the amount received for the transfer to the Company of their free allocation rights will be equal to the tax treatment applicable to dividends directly distributed in cash and, consequently, such amount will be subject to the corresponding withholding tax and taxation in Spain.

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It should be borne in mind that this analysis of the tax treatment (which has been performed on the basis of concrete assumptions) does not cover all the possible tax consequences of the different alternatives related to the compensation system “Iberdrola Flexible Dividend” or to the implementation of the Capital Increase. In the event that a change in these assumptions alters the description of the taxation subject matter of this document, its new tax treatment will be duly communicated to the market. Specifically, the consequences that may arise for those shareholders who are not resident in Spain for tax purposes in their respective countries of tax residency are not detailed. Therefore, it is recommended that the shareholders consult their tax advisors on the specific tax effects resulting from the proposed compensation system, taking into account the particular circumstances of each shareholder or holder of free allocation rights, and that they pay attention to any amendments that may be made, both to the law applicable as of the date of this memorandum and to the rules for interpretation thereof.

Finally, holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and CREST Depositary Interests (CDIs) representing shares of the Company are advised to consult their tax advisors before making a decision in connection with the Capital Increase.

5. SUPPLEMENTS TO THIS INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

As indicated in the preceding sections, a portion of the information regarding the implementation of the Capital Increase is not available on the date of issuance of this memorandum. Specifically, the market value of reference of the Capital Increase, the number of rights required to receive one share, as well as the final price of the commitment by Iberdrola to purchase each free allocation right pursuant to the referred commitment will be published by means of a supplement to this memorandum which will be made available to the public by means of a notice of significant event which is expected to occur on 1 July 2016. In turn, as soon as the implementation of the Capital Increase is closed and all of the remaining information is available, such information will be published by means of a corresponding notice of significant event.

Both this memorandum as well as the supplement hereto will be available on Iberdrola’s corporate website (www.iberdrola.com) and on the website of the National Securities Market Commission (www.cnmv.es) as from the day of their publication.

In Bilbao, on 26 April 2016.

Iberdrola, S.A.
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ANNEX

SAMPLE CALCULATION OF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NEW SHARES TO BE ISSUED, OF THE MAXIMUM NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASED, OF THE NUMBER OF FREE ALLOCATION RIGHTS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF ONE NEW SHARE, AND OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREOF

For the sole purpose of facilitating and understanding the calculation, below is a sample calculation of the maximum number of new shares to be issued, of the maximum nominal amount of the share capital increased in the Capital Increase, of the number of free allocation rights required for the allocation of one new share, and of the Purchase Price under the commitment made by Iberdrola.

The results of these calculations are not representative of the results that may actually be obtained as a consequence of the implementation of the Capital Increase, which will depend on the different variables used in the formulas.

Merely for purposes of this example:

- The TNShr is 6,240,000,000 (number of shares of Iberdrola as of the date of this information memorandum).⁹
- It is assumed that the market value of reference of the Capital Increase is 789,000,000 euros (such amount is within the maximum and minimum range of values established by the General Shareholders' Meeting and by the Board of Directors of Iberdrola).
- A ListPri of 6.066 euros is assumed (solely for purposes of this example, a listing price per share of Iberdrola as of the close of trading on 21 April 2016 has been used).

Therefore:

Provisional num. shrs. = Market value of reference of the Capital Increase / ListPri = 789,000,000 / 6.066 = 130,069,238.377844 ≈ 130,069,238 (rounded down)

Num. rights = TNShrs / Provisional num. shrs. = 6,240,000,000 / 130,069,238 = 47.97444880 ≈ 48 (rounded up)

NNS = TNShrs / Num. rights = 6,240,000,000 / 48 = 130,000,000.

Therefore, in this example: (i) the maximum number of new shares to be issued in the implementation of the Capital Increase would be 130,000,000, (ii) the maximum nominal amount of increased capital in the implementation of the Capital Increase would come to 97,500,000.00 euros (130,000,000 x 0.75), and (iii) 48 free allocation rights (or existing shares) would be required for the allocation of a new share¹⁰.

The Purchase Price would be calculated in accordance with the following formula (rounding the result to the closest one-thousandth of a euro):

Purchase Price = ListPri / (Num. rights + 1)

where:

Purchase Price = 6.066 / (48 + 1) = 0.123795918 euros ≈ 0.124 euros (rounded to the closest one-thousandth of a euro)

⁹ Number resulting from the share capital reduction through the redemption of own shares approved by the shareholders acting at the General Shareholders' Meeting under item number twelve of its agenda, and the implementation of which has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held today and communicated to the National Securities Market Commission by means of a notice of a significant event (*comunicación de hecho relevante*) on the date hereof.

¹⁰ In this sample calculation, Iberdrola should not waive any free allocation rights corresponding to shares of the Company, since the number of new shares to be issued is a whole number.

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