1. Introduction

RWE backs the Paris Agreement and is fully supporting the goals of this seminal climate accord. Part of our commitment is this review and the engagement with our associations to promote support for the Paris Agreement, as far as this is not already the case. The purpose of this report is to present the results of our 2019 Industry Association Review as committed during our Annual General Meeting in 2019. In particular this commitment encompasses the question whether or not the positions of the associations we are participating in are supportive for the goals of the Paris Agreement. As a global player in power generation we recognize the increased interest of our stakeholders about industry associations’ positions on crucial issues such as climate change and on the goals of the Paris Agreement. Since transparency and accountability have always been important for us, we see the review process and this report as an important step.

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During the review RWE has assessed whether the positions of the most relevant associations RWE is a member of are in line with the core goals of the Paris Agreement. Finally, the report informs about future improvements of our governance relating to our memberships. This report and the underlying methodology have been developed by a working group within the company from September 2019 onwards. The analysis was conducted by RWE employees from November 2019 to January 2020 and the results were discussed and reviewed internally, for example by means of a crosscheck.

On the next pages we present the methodology and results of our assessment. Amongst others it is explained which associations fall in the scope of the assessment, and the review process is outlined in detail.