



## **Press release**

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### **Anne Bobillier recommended to succeed Michael Wider on Romande Energie Holding Board**

**Michael Wider has informed the Board of Directors that he does not wish to seek re-election as a director of Romande Energie Holding. Anne Bobillier – managing director of Bechtle Western Switzerland – will be recommended for election as his successor at the Annual General Meeting.**

Michael Wider, head of the generation business unit at Alpiq SA and a member of its Executive Board, has represented Alpiq on the Board of Directors since 2012. At the time of his initial election, Alpiq held an approximate 10% stake in Romande Energie Holding and 11.8% in Romande Energie Commerce SA.

His reason for leaving the Board is twofold. Alpiq no longer holds an equity interest in Romande Energie Commerce, having sold its shares in early 2016. Moreover, the decision is meant to sidestep any potential conflicts of interest in analyses and decisions involving the two companies.

Mr Wider's term expires upon conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of shareholders on 24 May 2016. The Board of Directors would like to thank him for the expertise and strategic vision he has brought to his role during his directorship.

#### **Proposed successor**

The Board will recommend that shareholders elect Anne Bobillier at the Annual General Meeting to succeed Mr Wider.

Ms Bobillier holds a degree in computer science from Geneva University as well as a business administration diploma from the *Centre romand de promotion du management*. From 1988 to 2001, she worked in various management positions in sales and the banking segment at IBM in Geneva, Zurich and Paris. Ms Bobillier then served as CEO of Ascom Autelca AG in Bern from 2001 to 2002. Since 2002, she has been the managing director of Bechtle Western Switzerland, an IT services provider, in Geneva. Ms Bobillier joined the Board of Directors of Geneva-based Skyguide in May 2014.

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### **Romande Energie at a glance**

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity distributor in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies more than 300,000 end-customers directly in approximately 300 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. Its core business lines are the generation, distribution and marketing of power together with energy services.

Priorities are liaising with customers to ensure high-quality services in line with expectations; guaranteeing a reliable, sustainable and competitive supply of energy; developing proprietary power generation through priority investments in renewable energy; and promoting innovative energy-efficiency solutions.

Romande Energie's corporate social responsibility policy systematically guides its approach to business.

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