

INFORMATION AND INVITATION TO NETWORK USERS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON RULES UNDER AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO ART. 4, PARA. 2, OF COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules

Gas Interconnector Greece-Bulgaria (ICGB) and TAP intend to conclude an interconnection agreement at the interconnection point of Komotini (the Interconnection Agreement).

In accordance with art. 4, para. 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015, establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules (the INT NC), ICGB hereby informs ICGB network users of the proposed text of the:

- rules for the matching process;
- rules for the allocation of gas quantities;
- communication procedures in case of exceptional events

(collectively referred to as the Rules) under the Interconnection Agreement and invites them to submit any comments that they may have on it by following the guidelines below (the IA at the IP of Komotini Consultation Process or simply Consultation Process).

1. Term for submission of comments

Network users may submit any comments on the proposed text of the Rules, and such proposed text will be available for consultation, between **30 September 2019 16:00 CET** until **29 November 2019 23:59 CET**.

ICGB may, but shall not be bound to, take into account any comments submitted following lapse of this deadline.

2. Request for clarifications on the IA at the IP of Komotini Consultation Process and/or potential technical issues

Any clarification requests on the IA at the IP of Komotini Consultation Process may be raised latest by **22 November 2019 18:00 CET** by sending an email to office@icgb.eu. The subject title of the email should be *"IA at the IP of Komotini consultation process / QUESTION PROCESS"*.

For any technical issues throughout the Consultation Process, please send an email to the above email address with the subject title *"IA at the IP of Komotini consultation process / TECHNICAL ISSUE"*.

Any clarification requests or technical issues requests should be submitted in English.

ICGB will respond via email within two business days from receiving the request. Please note, however, that ICGB reserves its right to only respond to the clarification queries and technical issues

raised in relation to this Consultation Process and ICGB will not consider or respond to any request for clarification which does not directly relate to the same Consultation Process.

3. Submitting comments on the proposed text of the Rules

When submitting comments on the proposed text of the Rules, please use the Comments Template and please follow the guiding principles described herein:

- the comments should be in English;
- as per the Comments Template, comments in the response should be grouped per section and paragraph of the proposed text of the Rules;
- should any additional documents be submitted together with the Comments Template, these will be considered as background materials, and ICGB may, but shall not be bound to, consider any comments mentioned therein.

Please send your filled in Comments Template to office@icgb.eu with the subject title “*IA at the IP of Komotini consultation process / COMMENTS*” within the deadline described herein. Please ensure a ‘read receipt’ is requested if you wish to confirm that your e-mail has been received. No confirmation will be sent unless you request a ‘read receipt’.

Please note that ICGB reserves the right to not consider your comments if the above guiding principles are not respected in your response. Furthermore, ICGB will not consider or respond to any comments that do not directly relate to the proposed text of the Rules.

4. Confidentiality

Should you wish to preserve the anonymity of the company you are representing, your identity and/or not disclose specific information from your response, please:

- tick the relevant box in the Comments Template if you would like to keep the company name that you are representing confidential;
- tick the relevant box in the Comments Template if you would like to keep your name and your contact details confidential;
- specify in the table of the Comments Template whether you would like your comments to be kept confidential.

Please note that ICGB may, however, send the confidential version of all the received comments to the competent National Regulatory Authorities or any other authorities considered competent in this matter, as deemed necessary or appropriate.

5. Data protection

Please note that ICGB will be processing the personal data collected during the IA at the IP of Komotini Consultation Process as per the applicable data protection laws and in particular the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). ICGB only processes your personal data if this is necessary in the course of the processing of the Public Consultation comments to the IA.

6. General Remarks

TAP may invite network users to submit comments on the Consultation Process for the IA at the IP of Komotini simultaneously with ICGB. Network Users may submit their comments as specifically described herein and/or as described in the Consultation Process of the TAP. It is clearly stipulated that ICGB may share with TAP any comments and information submitted by Network Users to ICGB and co-process any such comments/information with TAP as deemed necessary for the purposes of the Consultation Process.

ICGB may send all comments received to the competent National Regulatory Authorities or any other authorities considered competent in this matter, as deemed necessary or appropriate. Please, note that the comments will be addressed in an aggregated manner, per section of the IA, and not individually. Following the finalization of the Consultation Process ICGB and TAP may proceed with concluding the IA in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Gas Interconnector Greece-Bulgaria

30 September 2019