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PREAMBLE

Whereas:

- ICGB and TAP Systems are interconnected at the location of Komotini.

- ICGB shall be the TSO of the IGB System and as such shall be in charge of managing the transportation of gas as well as all commercial operations related to transportation activities.

- TAP is the TSO of the TAP System and as such is in charge of managing the transportation of gas as well as all commercial operations related to transportation activities.

- ICGB and TAP (hereinafter the Parties) concur that the definition of a set of shared procedures among the Parties as well as the harmonisation of units and rules is appropriate for the Interconnection Point (IP), in order to facilitate efficient and reliable operations (both physical and commercial).

The Parties acknowledge they are bound by relevant EU legislation in the operation of their Systems, including Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the European Council and the provisions of the secondary legislation that result from that Regulation. The Parties further acknowledge that TAP and ICGB have specific exemptions from certain requirements under that Regulation and the above applies to the extent it is not in conflict with these exemptions.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed among the Parties as follows:

Definitions

The following terms, when used in this Agreement, shall have the following meaning:

“Allocated Quantity” means the allocation to each Shipper of that Shipper's portion of the daily quantities of Natural Gas delivered at the Interconnection Point.

“Business Day” means a day (excluding Saturday, Sunday as well as the 24th and 31st of December and any other day which is a public holiday) when the banks are open for general business in Bulgaria and in Canton Zug, Switzerland.

“Competent Authority” means any national, supranational, regional or local government or governmental or administrative, fiscal, judicial or government-owned body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency, inspectorate, ministry, official or public or statutory Person having or asserting jurisdiction over any of the Parties or either of their assets/property or their operation.

“Confirmed Quantity” means, for a particular Gas Day, the quantity of Gas confirmed by a Party to its Shippers for that Gas Day as result of the Matching Process.

“Contact List” means the list of contact persons and details shared and updated by the Parties.

“Daily Unbalanced Quantity” means, for a particular Gas Day, the steering difference between the sum of the daily net Allocated Quantities (being the Allocated Quantities for Forward Flow plus the Allocated Quantities for Reverse Flow) and the daily Measured Quantity. The Daily Unbalanced Quantity can be positive (representing an under-delivery from the TAP System to the IGB System or an over-delivery from the IGB System to TAP System) or negative (representing an over-delivery from the TAP System to the IGB System or an under – delivery from the IGB System to the TAP System). Note: Measured Quantity or Allocated Quantity in Forward Flow is expressed as positive value; Measured Quantity or Allocated Quantity in Reverse Flow is expressed as negative value.

“Emergency” has the meaning given in Exceptional Events section 2.

“Exceptional Event” means any unplanned event that is not reasonably controllable or preventable and that may cause, for a limited period, capacity reductions, affecting thereby the quantity or quality of gas at the Interconnection Point, with possible consequences on interactions between Transmission System Operators as well as between Transmission System Operator and Shippers;

“Forward Flow” means the flow through the IP from the TAP System to the IGB System.

“Gas Day” means the period from 05:00 UTC on one calendar day to 05:00 UTC of the following calendar day for winter time and from 04:00 UTC on one calendar day to 04:00 UTC of the following calendar day when daylight saving time is applied.

“Gas Month” means a period of time beginning at 05.00 UTC during winter time (from 04:00 UTC when daylight saving time is applied) on the first day of a calendar month and ending at the same time on the first day of the next calendar month.

“Gross Calorific Value” means the amount of heat, which would be released by the complete combustion of one Normal cubic meter of Natural Gas in air, in such a way, that the pressure (1,01325 bar absolute) at which the reaction takes place remains constant, and all products of the combustion

are returned to the same specified temperature (25°C) as that of the reactants, all of these products being in the gaseous state except for water formed by combustion, which is condensed to the liquid state at the same specified temperature.

“**GTA**” means a Natural Gas transportation agreement entered into between a Shipper and either ICGB or TAP for the Shipper’s use of the relevant System.

“**ICGB GMS**” means the fiscal metering station, owned and operated by ICGB, located at the vicinity of Komotini [coordinates] at which Natural Gas shipped from TAP System into the IGB System at the Interconnection Point and vice versa, is measured and analysed.

“**ICGB Shipper**” means a Person delivering/receiving Gas at the IP, as the case may be, having a GTA with ICGB (being a person referred to as a ‘Network User’ in Regulation (EC) 715/2009).

“**Initiating TSO**” means TAP as the Transmission System Operator initiating the Matching Process by sending the necessary data to ICGB as the Matching TSO.

“**Interconnection Point**” or “**IP**” means the point where the IGB System and the TAP System are connected at the location of Komotini. The EIC Code for the IP is 21Z00000000472E (EIC NAME: Komotini; Display Name: KOMOTINI-TAP-ICGB).

“**kWh**” means a three decimal six (3.6) million Joules.

“**Law**” means any supranational, national or local constitution, charter, act, law, statute, ordinance, statutory provision, regulation, order, decree or any other applicable legislative or administrative action of a Competent Authority or a final decree, judgment or order of a court, in the latter case, to the extent that it refers to a Party hereto, including any applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption judgement, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation of a Competent Authority.

“**Lesser Rule**” means that, in case of different Processed Quantities at either side of the Interconnection Point, the Confirmed Quantity will be equal to the lower of the two Processed Quantities.

“**Matching Process**” is the process of comparing and aligning the Processed Quantities of Gas for Shippers at both sides of the Interconnection Point, which results in Confirmed Quantities for the Shippers in accordance with *[Matching Process Section]*.

“**Matching TSO**” means ICGB as the Transmission System Operator performing the Matching Process and sending the results to TAP as the Initiating TSO.

“**Max OBA**” means the maximum (absolute value) that is permitted for the OBA Balance.

“**Measured Quantity**” means, for a particular period of time, the quantity of gas that, according to the relevant measurement equipment, has physically flowed across the Interconnection Point in that time period.

“**Natural Gas**” or “**Gas**” means any hydrocarbons or mixture of hydrocarbons and non-combustible gases, which, when extracted from the sub-soil of the earth in its natural state, separately or together with liquid hydrocarbons, is predominantly in the gaseous state.

“**Normal cubic meter**” or “**Nm³**” means one cubic metre of Gas at reference conditions of 273,15K (= 0°C) and 101.325 kPa (= 1,01325 bar).

“OBA Balance” means the level, at a specified point in time, of the Operational Balancing Account.

“Operational Balancing Account” means an account between the Parties, to be used to manage steering differences at the IP and which will be operated in accordance with *[Allocation Section]*.

“Pair of Shippers” means a pair of Shippers (who, for the avoidance of doubt, may be the same Shipper) who transfer Natural Gas at the Interconnection Point.

“Person” means any individual or any company, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, enterprise, association, trust or other juridical entity, organisation, whether of a supranational, governmental or private nature, established or organised under the Laws of any state or jurisdiction (including any Competent Authority).

“Processed Quantity” means, for a particular period of time, the quantity of Gas nominated, or, if applicable, renominated, by a Shipper as may be adjusted by the relevant Party in accordance with the contractual conditions for nominations defined under the relevant GTA.

“Proportional Allocation Event” has means the meaning given in *[Allocation Section2]*.

“Reasonable and Prudent Operator” means the standard of care to be exercised by a Party performing its obligations hereunder, and means the degree of diligence, prudence, and foresight reasonably and ordinarily exercised by an experienced operator engaged in the same line of business under the same or similar circumstances and conditions and the actions resulting from such standard of care being in compliance with the applicable Law and the terms and conditions hereunder.

“Reverse Flow” means the flow through the IP from the IGB System to the TAP System.

“Shipper” means an IGB Shipper and/or a TAP Shipper.

“System” means the Gas transmission network of IGB or TAP.

“TAP Shipper” means a Person delivering/receiving Gas at the IP, as the case may be, having a GTA with TAP (being a person referred to as a ‘Network User’ in Regulation (EC) 715/2009).

“Transmission System Operator” means a transmission system operator, which carries out the function of transmission, is responsible for operation, ensuring the maintenance and, if necessary, developing the transmission system and is responsible for ensuring the long-term ability of the transmission system to meet reasonable demands for the transportation of Gas.

A reference in this Agreement to “winter time” or “daylight saving time” is a reference to winter time, or day light saving time, respectively, as observed in the European Union.

Transportation Programs

1 Nominations

The Parties acknowledge that IGB's Shippers and TAP's Shippers will be submitting nominations in kWh/d for a Gas Day.

ICGB Shippers and TAP Shippers shall be entitled to submit nominations for a Gas Day (D) to the respective Party no later than the nomination deadline on the previous Gas Day (D-1). The nomination deadline is defined in the table in *[Matching Process Section 2]*.

2 Renominations

The Parties acknowledge that ICGB Shippers and TAP Shippers may be submitting renominations in kWh/d for a Gas Day.

The period during which renominations can be made by Shippers for a Gas Day starts from the deadline of the confirmation of the nominations to the Shippers under Matching Process section 2 and ends three hours before the end of that Gas Day (known as the renomination period).

Each renomination cycle starts at the beginning of every hour within the renomination period and ends at the end of that hour.

After the end of each renomination cycle within the renomination period, the Parties will process the latest renominations received during that renomination cycle, in accordance with the Matching Process.

The Confirmed Quantities resulting from a renomination will be applicable two hours after the end of the renomination cycle in which that renomination is received.

Matching Process

The Parties agree that Matching Processes shall be performed to check the correspondence between the quantities nominated or renominated by each ICGB Shipper and TAP Shipper.

For the purpose of defining the roles for the Matching Process, the Parties agree that TAP shall be the Initiating TSO and ICGB shall be the Matching TSO.

1 Matching Process for nominations

The Parties agree that the Matching Process will be performed in respect of each Gas Day. The Matching Process to be followed by the Parties for nominations in order to calculate the Confirmed Quantities at the IP shall be the following:

- (a) The Initiating TSO will calculate and send the Processed Quantities of each Pair of Shippers to the Matching TSO in accordance to the deadline defined in *[Matching Process Section 2]*.
- (b) The Matching TSO will calculate and send the Confirmed Quantities of each Pair of Shippers to the Initiating TSO in accordance to the deadline defined in *[Matching Process Section 2]*.
- (c) Each of the Parties will communicate to its Shippers the relevant Confirmed Quantities in accordance to the deadline defined in *[Matching Process Section 2]*.

2 Timeline for nomination and Matching Process

The timeline for nomination and the actions specified in *[Matching Process Section 1 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)]* are defined in the table below:

Deadline	UTC winter time	UTC day light saving
Submission of daily nominations	13:00	12:00
(a) Sending of Processed Quantities by Initiating TSO to Matching TSO	13:10	12:10
(b) Sending of Confirmed Quantities by Matching TSO to Initiating TSO	13:25	12:25
(c) Sending of Processed Quantities by Initiating TSO to Matching TSO	13:50	12:50

(d) Sending of Confirmed Quantities by Matching TSO to Initiating TSO	14:00	13:00
(e) Sending of Confirmed Quantities to Shippers	15:00	14:00

3 Matching Process for renominations

After the conclusion of the confirmation procedure pursuant to *[Matching Process Section 1]*, the Parties agree that the Matching Process for a Gas Day will be repeated for each renomination cycle of that Gas Day. The deadline for sending Confirmed Quantities to Shippers following a renomination Matching Process is two hours after the end of the relevant renomination cycle. Any Matching Process for renominations will be performed according to the following timings (relative minutes prior to the confirmation deadline for the nomination/renomination towards the Shippers):

Deadline	Minutes
Sending of Processed Quantities by Initiating TSO to Matching TSO	-110
Sending of Confirmed Quantities by Matching TSO to Initiating TSO	-95
Sending of Processed Quantities by Initiating TSO to Matching TSO	-70
Sending of Confirmed Quantities by Matching TSO to Initiating TSO	-60
Confirmed Quantity	0

4 Delays and Exceptional Events

If in any nomination or renomination cycle either Party is unable to meet any of the deadline for the exchange of information relating to the Matching Process described above, it will inform the other Party before the deadline, and will send the relevant data as soon as it is able to. The Party receiving the data will use reasonable endeavours to perform its activities as promptly as possible, once the data is sent.

- a) If, for a given nomination cycle, the Initiating TSO does not provide any Processed Quantities or provides the Processed Quantities after the time required under *[Matching Process Section 2]* and, notwithstanding using its reasonable endeavours, the Matching TSO would be unable to meet the deadline for the communication of the Confirmed Quantities to the Initiating TSO, then for the purpose of performing the Matching Process the Processed Quantities from the Initiating TSO will be deemed to be zero for each Pair of Shippers.
- b) If the Initiating TSO does not receive the Confirmed Quantities by the deadline specified in *[Matching Process Section 2]* for communication of the Confirmed Quantities to its Shippers, then the Initiating TSO will be entitled to communicate Confirmed Quantities equal to zero to each of its Shippers.
- c) If a Shipper did not submit a day-ahead nomination to the relevant Party, the nominated quantity for that Shipper shall be zero (0).
- d) If during a renomination cycle the Matching TSO determines it has not received the Processed Quantities on time and either no Processed Quantities are provided before the deadline for communication of the Confirmed Quantities or it receives such Processed Quantities late and, notwithstanding using its reasonable endeavours, it would be unable to meet the deadline for

the communication of the Confirmed Quantities to the Initiating TSO, then it will perform the Matching Process using the most recently received valid information on the Processed Quantities from the Initiating TSO, for the Gas Day concerned. If during a renomination cycle, the Initiating TSO determines it has not received the Confirmed Quantities by the deadline for the communication of the Confirmed Quantities to its Shippers then it will communicate the most recently received valid information on the Confirmed Quantities from the Matching TSO, for the Gas Day concerned.

Where a Party notifies an Exceptional Event to the other Party in accordance with [*Exceptional Events Section 1*]:

- (a) the affected Party may determine revised Processed Quantities that apply to its Shippers;
- (b) if the affected Party is the Initiating TSO, it will notify the revised Processed Quantities to the Matching TSO as soon as reasonably practicable and the Matching TSO will perform an updated Matching Process using the updated Processed Quantities as promptly as reasonably possible and communicate the revised Confirmed Quantities to the Initiating TSO; and
- (c) if the affected Party is the Matching TSO, it will perform an updated Matching Process using the updated Processed Quantities as promptly as reasonably possible and it will notify the revised Confirmed Quantities to the Initiating TSO;

The Parties will notify the revised Confirmed Quantities to their Shippers as promptly as possible.

5 Matching rules

The Parties agree that the Matching TSO will perform each Matching Process according to the following rules:

- (a) If the same Pair of Shippers is notified to each of the Parties and the daily Processed Quantities in the TAP System is equal to the daily Processed Quantity in the IGB System for the corresponding Pair of Shippers, then there is a “Match” and the Confirmed Quantities will be the daily Processed Quantities.
- (b) If the same Pair of Shippers is notified to each of the Parties but the daily Processed Quantities in the TAP System is not equal to the daily Processed Quantity in the IGB System for the corresponding Pair of Shippers, then there is a “Mismatch” and the Confirmed Quantities will be defined according to the Lesser Rule.
- (c) If the Pair of Shippers is not the same, then there is a “Mismatch” and in this case the Confirmed Quantities will be zero for that Pair of Shippers.

The Parties, acting in good faith, may cooperate to resolve any Mismatch by contacting each other and the relevant Pair of Shippers.

6 Information exchange

The Parties agree that all quantities exchanged for the purposes of the Matching Process will be in kWh/day only.

The information that the Initiating TSO shall communicate for the purpose of the Matching Process shall include the following:

- (a) Interconnection Point identification;
- (b) TAP Shipper identification;
- (c) identification of the ICGB Shipper delivering to or receiving Gas from the TAP Shipper;
- (d) Gas Day;

- (e) Processed Quantities for each TAP Shipper indicating the flow direction.

This information shall be sent by the Initiating TSO using the appropriate edig@s message; if edig@s is unavailable, the Initiating TSO will use the form in Annex 4(a) (Nomination Confirmation Notice).

The information that the Matching TSO shall communicate for the purpose of the Matching Process shall include the following:

- (a) Interconnection Point identification;
- (b) ICGB Shipper identification;
- (c) identification of the TAP Shipper delivering to or receiving Gas from the ICGB Shipper;
- (e) Gas Day;
- (f) Processed Quantities for each ICGB Shipper indicating the flow direction;
- (g) Confirmed Quantities for each Pair of Shippers indicating the flow direction.

This information shall be sent by the Matching TSO using the appropriate edig@s message; if edig@s is unavailable, the Matching TSO will use the form in Annex 4(b) (Matching/Mismatching Notice).

Allocation

1 Default Allocation: the Operational Balancing Account

1.1 Establishment of the Operational Balancing Account

The Parties agree to the establishment and operation of an Operational Balancing Account at the Interconnection Point. For so long as the OBA Balance in absolute value is less than Max OBA, the daily Allocated Quantities will be equal to that Shipper's daily Confirmed Quantities, while the Daily Unbalanced Quantity will be allocated to the Operational Balancing Account held between the Parties.

1.2 Operation of the Operational Balancing Account

The Parties agree that

- (a) ICGB, being the Party in control of the measurement equipment, shall be responsible for monitoring the OBA Balance and communicating the updated OBA Balance in accordance with *[Allocation Section 3 and Section 4]*;
- (b) the Max OBA is as defined in Annex [●];
- (c) the Parties will use their reasonable endeavours to keep the OBA Balance as close as practically possible to zero;
- (d) without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (c) above, the Parties will, for each Gas Day, discuss in good faith to agree required adjustments to the Target Aggregate Flow¹ taking into account any correction required to minimise the absolute value of the OBA Balance; and
- (e) if the anticipated Daily Unbalanced Quantity would result in the OBA Balance exceeding the Max OBA, the Parties will discuss in good faith (but without any obligation to agree) whether they are able to temporarily extend the Max OBA limit in order to absorb the Daily Unbalanced Quantity and, if

¹ The flow, as an outcome of the Matching Process and the operational conditions of the IP

so, the amount and duration of the extension to the Max OBA limit. The relevant discussions are initiated upon written request submitted by one of the Parties to the other Party. The Parties will use reasonable efforts to hold and conclude the discussions within four (4) hours following submission of the request and in any event by 8:00 UTC winter time, 7:00 UTC day light saving time, of the following Gas Day, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

1.3 OBA Balance

The OBA Balance is calculated at the end of each Gas Day D (OBA_d), as follows:

1. For the first Gas Day (d) of operation of the Operational Balancing Account, the OBA Balance for that Gas Day (OBA_d) shall be equal to the Daily Unbalanced Quantity for that Gas Day (DUQ_d).
2. For every subsequent Gas Day (d), the OBA Balance for that Gas Day (OBA_d) shall be equal to the sum of:
 - the OBA Balance on the previous Gas Day (D-1) (OBA_{d-1})
 - the Daily Unbalanced Quantity for that Gas Day D (DUQ_d)
$$OBA_d = OBA_{d-1} + DUQ_d$$

A negative OBA Balance indicates that ICGB is short towards the zero balance position, with a quantity equal to the absolute value of the OBA Balance. A positive OBA Balance indicates that TAP is short towards the zero balance position, with a quantity equal to the absolute value of the OBA Balance.

2 Back up allocation rule

2.1 Suspension of the Operational Balancing Account and proportional allocation

If the allocation rule in Allocation section 1 would result in the OBA Balance exceeding the Max OBA and the Parties have not agreed that is possible to absorb the steering differences by extending the Max OBA as described in [Allocation Section 1.2(e)] (a "**Proportional Allocation Event**"), the Parties agree that:

1. the operation of the Operational Balancing Account will be suspended, and the proportional allocation regime set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below will be applicable for periods of one or more Gas Days starting from the Gas Day following the Gas Day in which the Proportional Allocation Event occurs;
2. the Allocated Quantities for transportation in the opposite direction to the physical gas flow will be equal to the Confirmed Quantities in this direction according to the following formula:

$$AQ_{OPFS} = CQ_{OPFS}$$

AQ_{OPFS} means Allocated Quantity for the relevant Shipper nominating in the opposite direction to the physical gas flow for that Gas Day

CQ_{OPFS} means Confirmed Quantity for the relevant Shipper nominating in the opposite direction to the physical gas flow for that Gas Day

3. the Allocated Quantity for transportation in the direction of the physical gas flow will be calculated as (a) the sum of the Measured Quantity for the relevant Gas Day and the Allocated Quantities for transportation in the opposite direction to the physical gas flow, multiplied by (b) the ratio of the Confirmed Quantities for transportation in the direction of the physical gas flow for the relevant Shipper to the sum of the Confirmed Quantities of all Shippers for transportation in the direction of the physical gas flow according to the following formula:

$$AQ_{PF} = (MQ + CQ_{OPF}) \times \frac{CQ_{PFS}}{TCQ_{PF}}$$

MQ means the Measured Quantity at that Interconnection Point for that Gas Day

CQ_{OPF} means aggregate Confirmed Quantity for all Shippers nominating in the opposite direction to the physical gas flow for that Gas Day

CQPF_s means Confirmed Quantities for the relevant Shipper nominating in the direction of the physical gas flow for that Gas Day

TCQPF means aggregate of Confirmed Quantities for all Shippers nominating in the direction of the physical gas flow for that Gas Day

4. each Party will be responsible for informing its Shippers about the modification of the allocation regime.

2.2 Resumption of the Operational Balancing Account

If the operation of the Operational Balancing Account is suspended, then the Parties will meet to discuss and agree a protocol (which may include the transfer of Natural Gas between the Parties to reduce the OBA Balance) and timeline for the resumption of the Operational Balancing Account and the end of the proportional allocation regime set out in *[Allocation Section 2.1]*. Any resumption of the Operational Balancing Account will apply from the start of the Gas Day agreed between the Parties as being the Gas Day on which the default allocation regime will apply again. Each Party will be responsible for informing its Shippers about the resumption of the default allocation regime.

3 Daily Allocation

ICGB, on a daily basis, shall recalculate the OBA Balance based on the Measured Quantity for that Gas Day and the relevant Allocated Quantities (Forward Flow and Reverse Flow), and not later than 9:00 UTC winter time, 8:00 UTC day light saving time, of each Gas Day shall communicate to TAP:

- (a) the Allocated Quantities for the previous Gas Day detailed to each Pair of Shippers;
- (b) the Gross Calorific Value measured for the previous Gas Day at the ICGB GMS
- (c) for the previous Gas Day, (i) the sum of the Allocated Quantities for Forward Flow, (ii) the sum of the Allocated Quantities for Reverse Flow, (iii) the Measured Quantities and (iv) the difference between the value in (i) and the sum of the values in (ii) and (iii) taking into account that in case of physical Reverse Flow, the Measured Quantity is expressed as a negative value.; and
- (d) the closing OBA Balance for the previous Gas Day.

This communication shall be sent using the appropriate edig@s message; if edig@s is unavailable ICGB will use the form in Annex 4(c) (Daily Allocation Report). ICGB will also inform TAP if any Proportional Allocation Event occurred in the relevant Gas Day and its effect on the OBA Balance.

4 Monthly Allocation

By the fifth Business Day of each Gas Month, ICGB shall communicate to TAP:

- (a) the Allocated Quantity of each Pair of Shippers at the IP for each Gas Day in the previous Gas Month, using the most up-to-date information available at that time;
- (b) for each Gas Day in the previous Gas Month, (i) the sum of the Allocated Quantities for Forward Flow, (ii) the sum of the Allocated Quantities for Reverse Flow, (iii) the Measured Quantity and (iv) the difference between the value in (i) and the sum of the values in (ii) and (iii), taking into account that in case of physical Reverse Flow, the Measured Quantity is expressed as a negative value; and
- (c) the closing OBA Balance for each Gas Day of the previous Gas Month.

This communication shall be sent using the appropriate edig@s message; if edig@s is unavailable, ICGB will use the form in Annex 4(e) (Monthly Allocation Report). ICGB will also inform TAP if any Proportional Allocation Event occurred in the previous Gas Month and its effect on the OBA Balance.

If, notwithstanding this allocation regime, either of the Parties notices any inconsistency in the Allocated Quantities, the relevant Party will contact the other Party in order to confirm the reason for the discrepancy.

Units of Measurements

The Parties undertake to adopt, in all of the communication exchanged and in the measurement process, the units of measurement listed in the following table:

Item	Unit
Reference time:	UTC
Pressure:	Barg
Temperature:	°C
Volume:	[Nm ³]
Energy:	kWh
Gross Calorific Value:	[kWh/Nm ³]
Wobbe index:	[kWh/Nm ³]

Exceptional Events

1 Communication procedures in case of Exceptional Events

(a) Each Party shall act as a Reasonable and Prudent Operator in the operation of its System, in order to minimise the impact of any Exceptional Event.

(b) Each Party shall inform the other upon becoming aware of an actual or expected Exceptional Event, by communicating to the references listed in the Contact List in accordance with the procedure set out below:

(1) Should an Exceptional Event occur in the ICGB or TAP System, which influences or may influence the Natural Gas flow through the IP, the Party whose system is affected shall inform the other Party as soon as reasonably possible and, in any case, by no later than in sixty (60) minutes of that Party becoming aware of the occurrence of the Exceptional Event.

(2) As soon as possible and in any case by no later than in 24 hours of the Party whose system is affected, acting as a Reasonable and Prudent Operator, becoming aware of the occurrence of the Exceptional Event, the affected Party shall prepare and submit to the other Party a preliminary report including as a minimum the following, all as known and estimated by the Party at the time of the submission of the preliminary report:

- i. description of the Exceptional Event and the causes of its occurrence;
- ii. hour of occurrence of the Exceptional Event and the estimated time of its ceasing or elimination;
- iii. available IP capacity until the Exceptional Event's ceasing or elimination;
- iv. the possible impact on the quantities and quality of Natural Gas that can be transported through the Interconnection Point
- v. the possible impact on the Confirmed Quantities for the Shippers active at the Interconnection Point; and
- vi. operations necessary for the restoration of the IP capacity.

(3) The affected Party in whose system the Exceptional Event occurred shall inform the other Party regularly on the progress of its remedial actions until the Exceptional Event ceases. Mutual remedial actions will be agreed upon and applied, if needed.

(4) Upon completion of the Exceptional Event repair works or ceasing of the Exceptional Event, the affected Party shall inform the other Party of the restoration of the IP capacity.

(c) The provisions of this Exceptional Events section 1, and all the other provisions of this Agreement applying when an Exceptional Event occurs, shall also apply when any unplanned event occurs, irrespective of whether it would have been reasonably controllable or preventable, that may cause, for a limited period, capacity reductions, affecting thereby the quantity or quality of gas at the Interconnection Point, with possible consequences on interactions between Transmission System Operators as well as between Transmission System Operator and Shippers.

2 Emergencies

An "Emergency" means any circumstance where there is, or there is reasonable expectation of, danger, threat to or loss of life, or damage to property or equipment or the environment, and includes the following:

- (a) a significant Gas release;
- (b) an incident involving loss of life or serious injury to an employee, contractor, or third party;
- (c) serious property or equipment damage affecting operations;
- (d) damage to the environment; or
- (e) situations requiring the evacuation of operating personnel.

Each Party shall use its reasonable endeavours to immediately notify the other Party upon the occurrence of an Emergency and the related actions taken on their System. The Parties agree to cooperate and communicate with each other during an Emergency.

Contingency plans and emergency procedures (including details of information transfer) shall be prepared and maintained at all times during operational periods in accordance with the standard of a Reasonable and Prudent Operator and shall include all contacts for Emergency listed in the Contact List.

Each Party shall be entitled to take immediate action in cases of Emergency, as such Party may in good faith deem necessary, to protect its personnel, its equipment, the public or the environment.