

ICGB AD

Gas Interconnector Bulgaria – Greece Back-up Capacity Allocation Procedure

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1. Introduction

All terms defined in the ICGB Network Code have the same meaning in this Procedure.

This is the Backup capacity allocation procedure referring to in Art.10 “IGB BOOKING PROCEDURE” of the Network Code that arranges and regulates the procedure for capacity booking when one or more capacity booking platforms PRISMA and/or RBP are unavailable or due to other technical issue related to the capacity booking process.

2. Application of this Procedure

This Procedure will be activated by ICGB AD in respect of a specific auction or the Secondary Market through e-mail notification to all its Network users in the event of unavailability of the capacity booking platforms, communicated through an “Urgent Market Message”, and the conditions in paragraph 3 below being satisfied in respect of that auction or the Secondary Market.

3. Timings and Procedure activation conditions

3.1 Unavailability of the capacity booking platforms transpires after the bid submission deadline.

If the unavailability of the capacity booking platforms occurs after the submission of auction bids by Network Users but before the relevant auction process is concluded, the bids submitted by Network Users in that auction will be invalid and ICGB AD will activate this Procedure in respect of that auction.

For yearly, quarterly, and monthly auctions please refer to paragraph 5.1 of this procedure.

For daily auctions, the Network Users affected must send to ICGB AD their bids for the relevant auction immediately after the Activation Notification, according to the process described in paragraph 5.2.

3.2 Unavailability of the capacity booking platforms transpires before the start of auction process.

Primary market

If the unavailability of the capacity booking platforms occurs before the start of a scheduled auction, ICGB AD will activate this Procedure in respect of that auction only if the Capacity booking and platforms is not reactivated at least one hour prior to the start of that auction.

4. Capacity Products offered with this Procedure

If the conditions in section 3 apply, the process in paragraph 5 below will be activated for auctions for the following products as relevant:

Primary Market:

Firm Products

- Yearly Firm Forward Flow (FFF) Capacity
- Quarterly Firm Forward Flow (FFF) Capacity
- Monthly Firm Forward Flow (FFF) Capacity
- Day ahead Firm Forward Flow (FFF) Capacity

Interruptible products

- Yearly Interruptible Reverse Flow (IRF) Capacity
- Quarterly Interruptible Reverse Flow (IRF) Capacity
- Monthly Interruptible Reverse Flow (IRF) Capacity
- Day ahead Interruptible Reverse Flow (IRF) Capacity

ICGB AD will not commercialize Forward Day-Ahead Interruptible Capacity both in case of unavailability of the capacity booking platforms occurring after the bid submission deadline or in case the capacity booking platforms will not be reactivated one hour before the start of the relevant auction. In this case, if this Procedure is activated for an auction for Forward Day-Ahead Interruptible Capacity that auction will be permanently cancelled.

5. Process description

ICGB AD shall not accept requests for booking Capacity or Transfers under this Procedure which do not meet the requirements provided in this procedure (other than in respect of the use of the capacity booking platforms), or requests that do not comply with the terms and conditions of this Procedure.

5.1 Yearly, quarterly, and monthly Capacity Products:

If ICGB AD has activated this Procedure in accordance with paragraph 2 for an auction for any Capacity Product other than Firm Forward Day-Ahead Capacity, Interruptible Reverse Day-Ahead Capacity, ICGB AD will coordinate with the capacity booking platforms to reschedule that auction. ICGB AD will keep Network Users informed through an email notification about the rescheduled timing for the relevant auction.

If the unavailability of the capacity booking platforms occurs after the bid submission deadline for the relevant auction, the auction will start from the last closed bidding round.

5.2 Day-ahead Capacity Products:

If ICGB AD has activated this Procedure by paragraph 2 above for an auction for Firm Forward Day-Ahead Capacity, ICGB AD will instead offer those Capacity Products to Network Users through the process set out in this procedure for the affected Interconnection Point/s and based on which booking platform is unavailable at that time.

Firm Forward Day-Ahead Capacity will be offered through this back-up procedure at 15:30 UTC wintertime (14:30 UTC daylight saving) if the Activation Notice is sent before 15:00 UTC wintertime (14:00 UTC daylight saving). If the Activation Notice is sent after 15:00 UTC wintertime (14:00 UTC daylight saving) but before the close of the relevant auction, the back-up process will be postponed until 16:00 UTC wintertime (15:00 UTC daylight saving).

As part of the Back-up Procedure period, Interruptible Reverse Day-Ahead Capacity will be offered through the back-up process at 18.00 UTC wintertime (17:00 UTC daylight saving).

ICGB AD will publish all relevant data regarding the auction in a timely manner before the start of the relevant auction on its website (including the available capacity, the tariff and the eventual competition constraint). The auction will last for 30 minutes in accordance with the ENTSOG auction calendar. The auction will be managed through the application of the Uniform Price auction algorithm and conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the CAM Network Code.

Auction bids must be submitted through a Capacity Booking Request Form, available for download on the ICGB AD's website.

To participate in an auction, the Network Users shall send to the following email address, commercial.operations@icgb.eu, a Capacity Booking Request Form **duly completed and signed by an authorized legal representative not later than 30 minutes from the opening of the capacity auction.**

All Capacity Products offered through this process will be unbundled.

5.3. Processing results

The commercial dispatcher on duty will process the auction results and upon verification by the Commercial Operations Manager, capacity will be allocated in accordance with the procedures set out in the CAM Network Code for Uniform Price auction algorithms.

6. Communication of acceptance or rejection of capacity booking request from ICGB AD to Network Users

For a capacity booking request under this Procedure, ICGB AD shall send to all the Network Users participating in the auctions, the auction confirmation or rejection of the requested capacity booking via e-mail to the contacts indicated in the Capacity Booking Request Form.

As part of the Procedure, ICGB AD will use all reasonable endeavours to process the booking requests and the communication to all Network Users participating promptly.

7. Communications

Network Users shall include the following text in the communication with ICGB AD for requests via email:

“With reference to the Back-up Capacity Allocation Procedure published on ICGB AD’s website, please find enclosed the [Booking] Request Form.”

For any other information needed about this Procedure, please contact:

Commercial Dispatching

Phone: **+359 4513534**

Email: commercial.operations@icgb.eu

8. Legal

ICGB AD accepts no liability to any Network User in relation to the correctness or completeness of any information provided by a Network User in relation to this Procedure.

This Procedure and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with English law.