

## **USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAPACITY BOOKING AT INTERCONNECTION POINTS**

The Transmission System Operator provides the service of booking firm and interruptible transmission system capacity at interconnections, in the form of standard capacity products (yearly, quarterly, monthly, daily and within-day). The capacity is booked as bundled or unbundled.

Booking of transmission system capacity at interconnections is conducted in accordance with the provisions of:

- CAM Regulation,
- Transmission System Network Code (hereinafter: Network Code),
- General Terms and Conditions of Use of the Gas Transmission Service (Appendix I to the Network Code; hereinafter: GTC).

### Disclaimer:

*All rights and obligations of the Transmission System User are regulated by the applicable Network Code, GTC and the Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract. These instructions are for information purpose exclusively and do not constitute legal provision or are to be interpreted as legal provisions for the procedure of concluding the Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract or participating in auctions.*

## **1. CONCLUSION OF THE INTERCONNECTION GAS TRANSMISSION CONTRACT**

The Transmission System User must conclude an Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract (hereinafter: Contract) with the Transmission System Operator.

The Transmission System User shall submit a filled Request for conclusion of an Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract via SUKAP, no later than 10 days before the beginning of the first auction it wants to participate in, or the auction in which it wishes to contract a capacity product duration of which is not covered by an existing contract.

The Contract is concluded or a fixed-term indicated by the Transmission System User in the Request, but no longer than 15 years.

The Transmission System Operator shall, no later than two business days after the receipt of the Request, draw up the Contract and forward two copies to the Transmission System User for signing. (The Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract form is available on the Transmission System Operator's web page – [LINK](#).)

An authorised person of the Transmission System User shall sign the copies and return them to the Transmission System Operator to sign, no later than 5 working days before the auction the User wants to participate at.

## **2. AUCTION PLATFORM REGISTRATION**

Standard capacity products are booked on auction platforms, according to the auction calendar published on ENTSO-G and the Transmission System Operator web pages, in accordance with CAM Regulation.

For the purpose of participating in standard capacity products auction, the Transmission System User shall register a user account with the manager of the auction platform it wishes to participate at.

Booking and contracting of standard capacity products at the interconnection Rogatec is carried out through the auction platform PRISMA ([LINK](#)) and booking and contracting of standard capacity products at the interconnection Dravaszerdahely is carried out through the auction platform RBP ([LINK](#)).

### **3. DELIVERY OF THE AUCTION GUARANTEE AND THE PAYMENT SECURITY INSTRUMENT**

The Transmission System User wishing to participate in the auction of standard capacity products at interconnections, shall deliver an auction guarantee or a payment security instrument to the Transmission System Operator, pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of the GTC.

The Transmission System User may, at its own discretion, deliver a bank guarantee or a cash deposit.

**The auction guarantee** is to be delivered **3 working days before** the beginning of the auction of yearly or quarterly standard capacity products.

The payment security instrument is to be delivered:

- **3 working days before the beginning of the gas year** the yearly standard capacity product refers to;
- **3 working days before the beginning of the quarterly period** the quarterly standard capacity product refers to;
- **1 working day before the beginning of the auction** of monthly, daily or within-day standard capacity products

The amount of the auction guarantee and payment security instruments depend on the type of the standard capacity product the User wishes to book, and is stipulated in Article 9 of the GTC.

#### **3.1. Statement on an auction guarantee/ payment security instrument at an interconnection (Statement INT)**

Statement INT constitutes an Annex to the Contract.

The Transmission System User shall deliver 2 copies of a signed Statement INT, simultaneously with the delivery of the auction guarantee or the payment security instrument. (The Statement INT form is available on the Transmission System Operator's web page – [LINK](#)).

In the Statement INT, the Transmission System User shall indicate the form and the amount of the auction guarantee or the payment security instrument and shall instruct the Operator on the allocation of the funds per each auction platform, if it intends to use two auction platforms.

### **3.2. Bank guarantee**

The Transmission System User shall deliver a bank guarantee simultaneously with the delivery of two signed copies of Statement INT.

### **3.3. Cash Deposit**

The Transmission System User shall make a cash deposit to a special deposit account of the Transmission System Operator. The Transmission System User shall deliver a written confirmation of the made cash deposit simultaneously with the delivery of two signed copies of Statement INT.

### **3.4. Credit limit**

The Transmission System User shall, at its own discretion deliver the auction guarantee or the payment security instrument in the amount it deems sufficient for participating at the standard capacity products auction, in accordance with the GTC provisions.

According to the amount of the delivered auction guarantee or payment security instrument, the Transmission system Operator shall determine the credit limit of the Transmission System User on each auction platform. The credit limit is determined in the amount of the total, available indisputable auction guarantee or payment security instrument, reduced by VAT (for non-resident Users VAT is not reduced).

The Transmission System User may participate in auctions up to the amount of the credit limit.

If the Transmission System User contracted a certain standard capacity product in the auction, the available amount of the auction guarantee or the payment security instrument is reduced by the price of the product. The reduced amount of funds will be available for the Transmission System User to use upon the termination of the time-period the standard capacity product was contracted for, and only after the Transmission System User has settled all its obligations. Upon the termination of the time-period the standard capacity product was contracted for, the credit limit of the Transmission System User that settled its obligations, shall be increased by the said amount.

The Transmission System User may increase its credit limit by delivering a new, or supplementing the existing auction guarantee, or payment security instrument.

### **3.5. The return of the bank guarantee or the cash deposit**

The Transmission System Operator shall, upon the request of the Transmission System User, return the received auction guarantee or the payment security instrument, but only if the Transmission System User fulfilled all its obligations under the Contract and in connection to the Contract.

The Transmission System User wishing to get back the cash deposit or the bank guarantee, shall deliver two copies of a signed Request to the Transmission System Operator. The Request form is published on the Transmission System Operator's web page ([LINK](#)).

The Request of the Transmission System User constitutes an annex to the Contract.

### **3.6. Transfer of a security payment instrument to a new contract**

The Transmission System User that delivered an auction guarantee in the form of a cash deposit, may:

- a) convert the deposit into a payment security instrument
- b) use the deposit as an auction guarantee or a payment security instrument for a new Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract
- c) use the deposit as an auction guarantee or a payment security instrument for a Gas Transmission Contract
- d) use the deposit for trading in contracted capacity on the Secondary Market.

If so, the Transmission System User shall deliver a filled and signed Request to the Transmission System Operator. The Request form is published on the Transmission System Operator's web page ([LINK](#)).

If the deposit is to be used for a new Gas Transmission Contract or Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract, simultaneously with the delivery of the Request, the Transmission System User shall deliver two copies of a new Statement INT indicating the number of the new contract.

## **4. THE AUCTION**

To access the auction, the Transmission System User shall:

- conclude an Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract within the prescribed deadline,
- deliver an appropriate auction guarantee or payment security instrument, within the prescribed deadline,
- register at the relevant auction platform.

The Transmission System User will not be able to participate in the auction or book standard capacity products at interconnections, if it hasn't concluded an Interconnection Gas Transmission Contract valid for the entire time-period it intends to book standard capacity products for.

The Transmission System Operator shall deliver a notice on the allocation of capacities at the interconnection (hereinafter: Notice INT – [LINK](#)) to the Transmission System User the capacity has been allocated to upon the completed auction. Notice INT constitutes an integral part of the Contract.

## Request

- fill out via SUKAP
- the minimum period is the end of the current gas year and the maximum period is 15 years – the end of the contract period must be the last day of the gas year
- deliver to the Operator no later than 10 days before the beginning of the first auction User wants to participate in, or the auction in which User wishes to contract a capacity product duration of which is not covered by an existing contract

## Contract

- the Operator draws up the Contract via SUKAP according to the information provided in the Request
- the Operator delivers 2 copies to the User
- the User signs both copies and returns them to the Operator
- the Operator delivers a copy of mutually signed Contract to the User

## Bank guarantee or cash deposit

- bank guarantee or cash deposit
- in the amount the User deems sufficient for the auction
- to be delivered within the time limits stipulated in the GTC (Art. 9)
- deliver together with 2 signed copies of Statement INT

## Auction

- the User registers a user account at the auction platform
- the auction calendar is published on ENTSO-G and the Operator's web page
- participation in auctions is possible up to the amount of the credit limit determined according to the amount of the delivered auction guarantee or payment security instrument
- the User cannot book standard capacity products if it hasn't concluded a Contract valid for the entire time period it intends to book standard capacity products