

THE COMMERCIAL RULES

applied to the day-ahead interruptible capacity products at Cross-border Interconnection Points

1. *Offering of interruptible capacity and degree of firm capacity allocation*

According to Art. 32 (2) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017 establishing a network code on capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems (**CAM NC**) and repealing Regulation (EU) No. 984/2013:

*(2) Transmission system operators shall offer a daily capacity product for interruptible capacity in both directions at interconnection points where the respective standard capacity product for firm capacity **was sold out** day-ahead or was not offered. At unidirectional interconnection points where firm capacity is offered only in one direction, transmission system operators shall offer at least a daily product for interruptible capacity in the other direction.*

According to the provision above:

- Day-ahead interruptible capacity is offered only after **firm, bundled and unbundled capacity, was 100% sold out**.
- Day-ahead interruptible capacity offer is published on the capacity auction platform (RBP).
- Day-ahead interruptible capacity offer is published at the time of the opening of the auction round, i.e. 18:30 on day D-1, Romanian time.

The day ahead interruptible capacity is determined according to Art. I, point 1, para (3) of ANRE Order no 215/05.12.2019, namely:

“(3) The day ahead interruptible capacity available (D) shall be equal to the difference between the technical capacity available at the entry/exit point and the sum of the nominations processed by the TSO on the basis of the nominations submitted by the NU until 3.00 p.m. of day D-1 for day D, for the relevant point. In the case of bi-directional interconnection points, the level of the available interruptible capacity shall be calculated separately for each transmission direction, taking into account the nominations submitted by the NU in the relevant direction.’

2. (Re-)Nomination

- Interruptible capacity (re-)nomination process is performed after the closure of the daily interruptible capacity auctions. The (re-)nomination must not exceed the interruptible capacity booked.
- Network Users submit the bundled capacity (re-)nomination to the Matching System Operator (MSO) and the (firm and/or interruptible) unbundled capacity (re-)nomination to the Initiating System Operator (ISO). For IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam, the network users active in the NTS also submit the (re)nomination related to the (firm and/or interruptible) unbundled capacity to Transgaz.
For IP Csanádpalota: MSO – FGSZ; ISO – Transgaz
For IP Ruse-Giurgiu: MSO – Bulgartransgaz; ISO – Transgaz
For IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam: MSO – Transgaz; ISO – Bulgartransgaz.
- Transgaz checks each (re-)nomination for compliance with all validation criteria (interconnection point, direction of gas flow, NU pair, gas day, start and end time of gas flow, ranging within the limits of the booked capacity); non - compliant (re-)nominations are rejected. The non-validation of a (re-)nomination is **not** considered an interruption.
- If the sum of all NU (re-)nominations is lower than or equal to the technical capacity of the interconnection point, Transgaz shall consider all (re-)nominations, independent of the type of capacity.
- If the sum of all NU (re-)nominations is higher than the technical capacity of the interconnection point, Transgaz will consider the interruptible capacity (re-)nominations up to the level of the available capacity (the difference between the technical capacity of the interconnection point and the sum of all firm capacity (re-)nominations and informs the NU. The reason for the interruption – gas cannot be transmitted.

- Since all day-ahead interruptible capacity contracts are concluded at the same time, reductions are in direct proportion to the (re-)nomination sent by the Network User, related to the interruptible contract.
- The applying of the `lesser` rule in the matching process is **not** considered interruption.
- Transgaz communicates the result of the matching process to the Network Users.

3. Invoicing transmission services following use of interruptible capacity products

- The TSO invoices the entire value of the interruptible capacity booked.
- If there are no interruptions, the value of the non-provided capacity is decreased from the total value of the interruptible capacity booked, as a difference between the last nomination/re-nomination submitted by the Network User and the last nomination/re-nomination processed by the TSO in the interruption calculation process.
- Settlement is performed monthly, after the closing of the gas transmission service provision month.