PUBLIC CONSULTATION

on the Business Rules and Communication Procedures in case of Exceptional Events related to the Draft Interconnection Agreement for VIP Negru Vodă 2,3 / Kardam

SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA and BULGARTRANSGAZ EAD intend to conclude an interconnection agreement for the Virtual Interconnection Point Negru Vodă 2,3 / Kardam. According to Art. 4. (2) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules, both TSOs invite the network users to comment on the proposed text of:

- 1) the matching process rules,
- 2) the rules for the allocation of gas quantities,
- 3) the communication procedures in case of exceptional events.

SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA and BULGARTRANSGAZ EAD are submitting for public consultation the rules for the matching process and allocation of gas quantities, the communication procedures in case of exceptional events as well as other Network User relevant provisions.

This consultation will run from 11.06.2019 until 11.07.2019.

The public consultation has the aim to collect the opinions from all potential network users regarding the transmission of natural gas through the VIP Negru Vodă 2,3 / Kardam.

The Isaccea 2 – Negru Vodă 2 transmission pipeline and the Isaccea 3 – Negru Vodă 3 pipeline are part of the Trans-Balkan corridor for gas transmission to Balkan countries. Such pipelines are independent from the operational point of view and are currently operated as a single pipeline.

SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA specifies that the interconnection agreement will be concluded under the condition precedent of gathering all elements to enable SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA to carry out its duties and responsibilities as provided for in the agreement, such as, but not limited to, the termination or amendment of the historical contracts in force at the date of this announcement.

The present Draft Interconnection Agreement envisages the physical flow of natural gas in the Romania - Bulgaria direction and the virtual flow in the Bulgaria - Romania direction.

All responses should be submitted to both TSOs in English at: <u>consultation_ia@transgaz.ro</u> and <u>info@bulgartransgaz.bg</u>.

Please indicate explicitly if the responses contain information which is confidential with regard to third parties.

SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA and BULGARTRANSGAZ EAD will evaluate the comments received during the consultation, and if necessary, adjust the text of the draft Interconnection Agreement.

The relevant provisions of the draft Interconnection Agreement between SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA and BULGARTRANSGAZ EAD are available here.

We are looking forward to receiving your opinions.