

28.01.2020**RELEASE****On ensuring import gas during the winter time 2019-2020**

Regarding the statements made in the media on Romania's import capacity, as illustrated in the European system and as publicly declared by the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Business Environment and SNTGN Transgaz SA, we would like to notify you of the following:

- **The firm capacity Transgaz makes available at all interconnection points with the neighbouring TSOs is 44.2 mil. cm/day,**
- **In the direction Ukraine-Romania,** the firm capacity of IP Isaccea 1/Orlovka 1 is approximately **18.8 mil. cm/day,**
- In the direction **Bulgaria-Romania,** the firm capacity at IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam (reverse flow) is approximately **15.7 mil. cm/day.**

Without taking into account the capacities available at IP Csanadpalota and IP Ruse-Giurgiu of about **9.7 mil. cm/day,** the **total available capacity at IP Isaccea 1/Orlovka 1 + Negru Voda 1/Kardam is approx.. 34.5 mil. cm/day.** The import gas necessary for Romania amounting to approx.. 20-22 mil. cm/day under extremely low temperature conditions can be ensured through this point.

As of 01.01.2019 the transit T1 pipeline is connected to the NTS allowing for taking over gas imports for Romania from Ukraine through the IP Isaccea1 - Orlovka1 and from Bulgaria through IP Negru Vodă 1 - Kardam at the same time and for which Romania concluded Interconnection agreements with the adjacent partners, namely with GTSO Ukraine and Bulgartransgaz EAD.

Regarding the conclusion of the interconnection agreement (IA) for IP Medieşu Aurit-Tekovo we would like to hereby inform you that Transgaz has analysed the document sent by GTSO Ukraine and by the letter of 23.01.2020 submitted a proposal for the establishment of a working group made up of specialists so as to set a joint schedule for the verifications with a view to establish the compliance of the GMSs with the European standards and to initiate discussions for the conclusion of the IA for IP Isaccea Import Romania –Orlovka.

The National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz SA Romania is the technical operator of the National Gas Transmission System (NTS) ensuring its operation under economic efficiency, quality and environmental protection. In the compliance with the undertaken mission the company carries out the gas transmission activity in line with the European and national laws related to gas transmission through pipelines.

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