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INFORMATION ON SHORT-TERM FIRM GAS TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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The document is an update of the information published on 27.06.2013 under the title 'Details regarding the Short-Term Gas Transmission Services.

The information herein will be valid until the implementation of the entry – exit capacity booking.

I. Capacity available for short-term firm gas transmission services

1. For gas year 2013 - 2014 TRANSGAZ offers short-term capacity products at the National Transmission System exit points up to 10% of the capacity remaining available at these points, following the annual capacity booking process.

The capacity available at the National Transmission System exit points, valid until 01.07.2013, is published on TRANSGAZ's website at http://www.transgaz.ro/ecom_cap_teh_rezervata.php?poz=195.

2. The difference between the capacity remaining available at each of the National Transmission System exit points, following the annual capacity booking process for gas year 2013-2014, and 10% of this capacity, as stated at point 1, represents the capacity available for long-term services.

II. Available capacity criteria

1. Pursuant to Regulation (EC) no. 715/2009, as further amended and supplemented, the transmission operator provides long-term and short-term transmissions services to all network users, on a non-discriminatory basis.

2. 10% setting criteria:

- a. The impact of providing short-term services on the company's financial results and cash flows in the conditions in which these types of services had not been considered at the setting of the transmission tariffs for gas year 2013-2014; the short-term services requests

were registered after 31.03.2013, the deadline for transmission tariffs substantiation submission to the National Energy Regulatory Agency;

- b. Mitigating the adverse effect on financing investment works, operating and maintenance, which ensure the integrity of the National Transmission System and the continuation of gas deliveries;
- c. Increasing market liquidity by creating access conditions for new network users;
- d. Lacking information on behaviour of network users regarding the accessing of the short-term services;
- e. The relatively small NTS exit capacity rate of use, which does not provide a basis for providing short-term services;
- f. EU transmission operators practice.

III. Services provided, booking period and allocation method

1. TRANSGAZ offers:

- a. Transmission services for one quarter or multiple quarters of the gas year, starting from the 1st of October 2013, the 1st of January 2014 and the 1st of April 2014;
- b. Transmission services for one month or multiple months of the quarter 1st of October – 31st of December 2013, 1st of January – 31st of March 2014 and 1st of April – 30th of June 2014.

2. The services provided follow a logical order according to which first the longer-duration services are provided, followed by the subsequently shorter-duration services. This principle complies with the *Regulation (EU) establishing a Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems*, having entered the comitology process.

Thus:

- Within day 1 and day 15 of each month prior to quarter¹ considered for the initiation of the transmission service provision, the network users may request capacity booking for a period of one quarter or multiple quarters of the gas year.

- Within day 20 and day 25 of each month prior to month² considered for the initiation of the transmission service provision, the network users may request capacity booking for a period of one month or multiple months of the quarter.

3. Capacity will be allocated based on the 'first come, first served' principle.

The document 'Details regarding the Short-Term Gas Transmission Services' ceases to be valid.

¹ **Quarter** means 3 calendar months starting with 1st of July, 1st of October, 1st of January or 1st of April.

² **Month** means calendar month.