

Publication according to Art. 25 Para. 2, Art. Para 3 REG (EU) 2017/459 (NC CAM) regarding the procedure, initiated in 2021, for incremental capacity at the border between the BeLux market area (ZTP) and the German market area (THE)

I. Introduction

Following the conclusion of phase 1 of the procedure initiated in 2021 in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (network code on capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems; hereinafter “NC CAM”) for incremental capacity at the market area border between the BeLux market area (ZTP) and the German market area (THE), the participating transmission system operators (TSOs) executed the design phase for the technical projects (phase 2) and concluded their consultations in April 2022. The Technical Study described how the transmission system can be expanded efficiently in consideration of the transmission system topology and economic aspects. The project application, submitted and published on 2 September 2022 is a joint document of the involved German TSOs FLUXYS TENP GmbH (FLUXYS), GASCADE Gastransport GmbH (GASCADE), Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE) and Thyssengas GmbH (Thyssengas). The project proposal was approved by Bundesnetzagentur (hereinafter: BNetzA) with decision BK9-22/001.

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II. Content of approval according to Art. 28 Para. 1 NC CAM

a. Content of approval according to Art. 28 Para. 1 lit. a NC CAM

OGE will offer one offer level for incremental capacity in the annual auction 2023 on 3 July at the VIP THE-ZTP. The mandatory reservation of 20% for incremental capacities according to Art. 8 Para. 8 NC CAM and the ruling by the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) BK7-15-001 (KARLA Gas) will be taken into account. There will be one auction for the offer level per gas year (GY). The capacity will be offered as bundled product with the capacity of Fluxys Belgium. The offer level will be offered from GY 30/31 to GY 44/45. The auction will take place on the PRISMA Capacity Booking Platform¹. Registration is required to participate in the auction. The capacity products are shown in Annex 2. The capacity was determined in accordance with Art. 11 Para. 6 NC CAM.

b. Supplementary Terms and Conditions for the auction for incremental capacity according to Art. 28 para. 1 lit. b NC CAM

¹ <https://www.prisma-capacity.eu/>

The Supplementary Terms and Conditions are attached to this document (Annex 1).

c. Timeline for the incremental capacity project and measures to prevent delays and to minimise the impact of delays according to Art. 28 para. 1 lit. c NC CAM

The table below shows the further steps for the project for incremental capacity and also outlines a rough timeline for the technical measures. This timeline already includes time buffers for the avoidance of delays in provision of the capacities.

Subproject	Duration	Description
Compressor units	7 months	Project initiation
	5 months	Tender
	16 months	Basic Engineering
	14 months	Detail Engineering
	18 months	Construction
	9 months	Commissioning
	3 months	Caster
GDRM	15 months	Acquisition of rights of way
	12 months	Procurement of materials and services
	12 months	Construction preparation
	12 months	Assembly/Construction
	14 months	Commissioning
	1 months	Project completion/finalisation

The aforementioned dates are provisional and subject to change.

d. Parameter defined in Art. 28 Para. 1 lit. d NC CAM

i. Parameter defined in Art. 22 Para. 1 lit. a NC CAM

Reference price:

The estimated reference price for the offered incremental capacity is 6.03 €/(kWh/h)/a.

Auction premium:

The algorithm for ascending clock auctions according to Art. 17 NC CAM applies to the auction of the incremental capacities according to Art. 29 para. 1 NC CAM. This may result in an auction premium which will only be determined at the end of the 2023 annual auction. For this reason, it was not taken into account in the calculation of the f-factor, but it must be included in the economic test.

Mandatory minimum premium:

According to decision BK9-22/001 a mandatory minimum premium of 1.36 €/(kWh/h)/a was approved.

Present value of binding commitments of network

According to decision BK9-22/001 a present value of binding commitments of network of 476,676,259 € was approved.

ii. Parameter defined in Art. 22 Para. 1 lit. b NC CAM

According to decision BK9-22/001 a present value of the estimated increase in the allowed revenue of the TSOs of 476,676,259 € was approved.

iii. f-Faktor gem. Art. 22 Abs. 1 lit. c NC CAM

According to decision BK9-22/001 the f-Faktor was set as 0,88.

e. Exceptionally extended marketing horizon according to Art. 28 Para. 1 lit. e NC CAM

An extended marketing horizon is not used.

f. Alternative allocation mechanism according to Art. 28. Para. 1. lit. f NC CAM

An alternative allocation mechanism is not used.

g. Fixed price approach according to Art. 28. Para. 1. lit. g NC CAM

A fixed price approach is not used.



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IV. Annex

1. Supplementary terms and Conditions
2. Offer Level