On 5 March 2019 National Control Commission for Prices and Energy (NCC) published a document for the public consultation on the reference price methodology for determining the tariffs of services provided by the Lithuanian natural gas transmission system operator AB Amber Grid. The consultation is carried out based on European Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460 of 16 March 2017 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (TAR NC), both Art. 26 of TAR NC (Periodic consultation, covering reference price methodology, tariffs and their derivation, and mandatory to be repeated at least every 5 years) and Art. 28 (Consultation on discounts, multipliers and seasonal factors).

Taking into consideration recent regional developments (creation of adjacent FINESTLAT tariff zone, comprising Finland, Estonia and Latvia, and strategic goals of Lithuania to integrate into the regional market), the consultation includes 2 alternative proposals of indicative tariffs for 2020:

SCENARIO 1: Entry-Exit zone – only Lithuania – national scenario;

SCENARIO 2: Entry-Exit zone with FINESTLAT – harmonised with the Baltic countries' market according to Lithuania's proposal to the other countries in the region, i.e. Lithuanian tariffs adjusted aiming to integrate into the regional market with these differences from the national scenario:

1) Entry tariffs equalized with Entry tariffs applied in FINESTLAT, with 75% discount applied at Entry point from LNG Terminal in Klaipėda;

2) entry-exit tariffs at Kiemenai IP from both Lithuanian and FINESTLAT sides are set at 0 EUR/MWh, and tariffs at Lithuanian Domestic exit point rescalled accordingly).
The document of public consultation (which was open from 5 March 2019 until 6 May 2019), tariff models, consultation responses received and evaluation of responses received (their summary) are available here.

Final decision on tariffs will be adopted by the NCC after assessing comments and proposals to be received from the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).