

Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and AB Amber Grid decided to conduct non-binding Market Survey procedure searching for the market view on the development of the services for new transmission capacity in the Gas Interconnection Poland – Lithuania (GIPL).

The Polish and Lithuanian TSOs, i.e. Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and AB Amber Grid believe that, in addition to the obvious Security of Supply function, the GIPL project demonstrates a high commercial potential and might provide high economic value for market players, that will support the development of a competitive energy market in the region and contribute to the process of regional gas market integration. Taking into account the value, that the GIPL may bring to the gas market in the region, both TSOs see the need to investigate the possibilities which can enhance commercial usage of GIPL and maximise its positive economic impact.

According to current status of works, the commissioning of GIPL project is planned so that GIPL will be operational since calendar year 2022 applying standard rules for the access to its capacity. However, Polish and Lithuanian TSOs are looking to investigate the needs to enhance the effectiveness of the rules for market participants in periods to come. Such potential changes to the tariff or the capacity allocation model, if applied by the TSOs, could be introduced already from calendar year 2023. The overall period concerned by the Market Survey is from the Gas Year 2022/2023 for the consecutive 15 Gas Years.

Through this Procedure, GAZ-SYSTEM and Amber Grid would like to obtain a better understanding of the key drivers for designing the optimal conditions for the access to GIPL interconnection point in both directions of the flow and provide higher value for our customers. In particular, the TSOs wish to focus on the pricing of the GIPL interconnection point, as well as the methods of capacity allocation. The market survey will also allow to estimate the market demand for new capacity in the Polish and Lithuanian Transmission Systems, which will be available as a result of the construction of GIPL, i.e. 274 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h (2,4 bcm/y) from Poland to Lithuania and 217 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of (1,9 bcm/y) from Lithuania to Poland, in various pricing scenarios.

On 4 November 2020 both TSOs launch non-binding Market Survey for the development of the services for new transmission capacities, which will be made available as a result of implementation of the GIPL project and creating a physical interconnection point on the Polish/Lithuanian border (the Entry/Exit Point Poland – Lithuania of the GIPL in both directions of the gas flow).

The participants which are interested in participation in the Market Survey procedure should fill out and submit the Questionnaire in English language version until 7 December 2020 to each of the TSOs to the e-mail addresses: [badanierynku@gaz-system.pl](mailto:badanierynku@gaz-system.pl) and [consultation@ambergrid.lt](mailto:consultation@ambergrid.lt).

Also on 25 November 2020 TSOs will organize a workshop for the market survey participants. Invitation to this workshop will be released separately in due time.

More information available in the Documents area below.

Please be informed that first sentence of paragraph 3 in Article 1 has been autocorrected to make it clearer, i.e. wording “According to current status of works, launching of the gas transmission through the GIPL interconnection point is expected from the Gas Year 2022/2023.” has been replaced by wording “According to current status of works, the commissioning of GIPL project is planned so that GIPL will be operational since calendar year 2022 applying standard rules for the access to its capacity. However, the overall period concerned by the Market Survey is from the Gas Year 2022/2023 for the consecutive 15 Gas Years.”.