

Consultation on capacity allocation mechanism at the Imatra Cross-Border Interconnection Point as of January 1, 2020

1 Background

Finnish natural gas markets will be opened to the competition from 1.1.2020 in accordance with the Finnish Natural Gas Market Act (587/2017) and therefore derogation from certain Articles of the Natural Gas Market Directive (2009/73/EC) will be lifted. The Natural Gas Market Act lays down the transition provisions that expands the powers of the Energy Authority to decide about the conditions at the interconnection point during the years 2020 and 2021. Thus, Energy Authority is the competent authority to decide on capacity allocation mechanism at the Imatra which is the only third country entry point in Finland.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 of establishing a network code on capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems and repealing Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 (CAM NC) article 2 states that the regulation "shall apply to interconnection points. It may also apply to entry points from and exit points to third countries, subject to the decision of the relevant national regulatory authority."

According to the CAM NC, auction mechanism shall be used for the capacity allocation at the interconnection points or if the national regulatory authority decides, at the third country entry point, except where the alternative allocation mechanism pursuant to Article 30 is applied. Additionally, the national regulatory authority may decide not to apply Articles 8 to 37 if implicit capacity allocation mechanism is applied.

2 Consultation

The Energy Authority has received from Gasum Ltd a proposal for the capacity allocation mechanism, as per attached document. Before making the final decision, the Energy Authority must give the opportunity to the stakeholders to express their views about the proposed capacity allocation mechanism. Any views or comments on the proposal shall be submitted to the Energy Authority by e-mail to address kirjaamo@energiavirasto.fi at latest by 5th of April 2019. Should the submitted statement contain any confidential material, the submitting party shall mark this as confidential and in addition submit a public version where the confidential parts are omitted.

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Attachment: Consultation document on capacity booking procedure