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To the network users of Open Grid Europe GmbH

**Consultation:  
Agreement on Implementation of a Virtual Interconnection Point between  
the Entry-Exit-Systems for H-gas of Gasunie Transport Services and  
Trading Hub Europe („VIP Agreement“)**

2022-01-24

Dear Sir or Madam,

According to Article 19, 9. of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017 (CAM NC) transmission system operators shall offer available capacities of interconnection points connecting the same adjacent entry-exit-systems at one virtual interconnection point to provide one single capacity service as defined in Article 3, 23. CAM NC.

(Citation CAM NC Article 19, 9. sentence 1 for information:

*“Where two or more interconnection points connect the same two adjacent entry-exit systems, the adjacent transmission system operators concerned shall offer the available capacities at the interconnection points at one virtual interconnection point.”*

The contractual agreement of the transmission system operators on the virtual interconnection point "VIP TTF-THE-H" also includes regulations on matching, allocation and communication procedures.

Taking into account that transmission system operators are obliged to invite network users to comment on these three subjects pursuant to Article 4, 2. of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 (INT NC), OGE would like to give its network users the opportunity to also comments on these three issues of the planned agreement on the "VIP TTF-THE-H".

(Citation INT NC Article 4, 2. for information:

*“Before concluding or amending an interconnection agreement which contains rules referred to in Article 3(c), (d) and (e), transmission system operators shall invite network users to comment on the proposed text of those rules at least two months before the agreement is concluded or amended. The transmission system operators shall take the network users’ comments into account when concluding or amending their interconnection agreement.”*

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The contractual agreement of the transmission system operators on the virtual interconnection point "VIP TTF-THE-H" also includes regulations on matching, allocation and communication procedures which replace the previous regulations on these topics from the interconnection agreement between Gasunie Transport Services and OGE.

If your company currently uses transport capacities at the border interconnection points Bocholtz, Oude Statenzijl or at "VIP-TTF-NCG-H" or intends to use transport capacities at the virtual interconnection point "VIP TTF-THE-H" in the future, we hereby give you the opportunity to send us your comments, objections or proposals regarding the regulations for matching, allocation and communication procedures attached to this document.

Please send your answer to mailbox [konsultation.nc-int@oge.net](mailto:konsultation.nc-int@oge.net) by 24 March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Open Grid Europe GmbH

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for Consultation Purpose (8 pages)

**Agreement**  
**on Implementation of a Virtual Interconnection Point between the**  
**Entry-Exit-Systems for H gas of GTS and Trading Hub Europe**  
**(„VIP Agreement“)**

between

on the Dutch side

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-hereinafter referred to as "**GTS**"-

and

on the German side

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and

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-hereinafter referred to individually as "Party"

or collectively as "Parties"-

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### Preamble

The Interconnection Points Bocholtz (TSOs: GTS, FT and OGE), Bocholtz-Vetschau (TSOs: GTS and TG), Oude Statenzijl OGE-H/Bunde (TSOs: GTS and OGE), Oude Statenzijl GUD-H/Oude Statenzijl-H (TSOs: GTS and GUD), Emden-Knock (to be established) (TSOs: GTS, GUD and TG), Oude Statenzijl GASCADE-H/Bunde (TSOs: GTS and GASCADE) for H gas are located near the border of the Netherlands and Germany and connect the entry-exit system of GTS and Trading Hub Europe (THE) containing inter alia the grids of FT, GASCADE, GUD, TG and OGE.

[...]

### Article 1 - Definitions

Active System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 Harmonisation of the Nomination and Matching Process for Double-Sided and Single-Sided Nomination (hereinafter referred to as EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01) or any updates;

[...]

Business Day: Shall mean Monday to Friday, except 1<sup>st</sup> January, Good Friday, Easter Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April King's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> May Liberation Day, Ascension of Christ, Whit Monday, Corpus Christi, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December, 31<sup>st</sup> December;

Exceptional Event: According to Article 2 lit. a) INT NC;

Existing Capacity Contracts: Shall mean capacity contracts concluded before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 at the respective Interconnection Points, with an exception of contracts concluded in the monthly auction of March 2020 regarding April 2020 and the day-ahead and within-day auction on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 for the gas day 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 and onwards;

[...]

Initiating System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates;

INT NC: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules;

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Interconnection Point(s): Shall mean one or all of the interconnection points

- Bocholtz (TSOs: GTS, OGE and FT),
- Bocholtz-Vetschau (TSOs: GTS and TG),
- Emden-Knock (TSOs: GTS, GUD and TG). For the avoidance of doubt, this Interconnection Point is to be established and it will be a part of this VIP Agreement when Emden-Knock becomes operational.
- Oude Statenzijl OGE-H/Bunde (TSOs: GTS and OGE), hereinafter referred to as OSZ/Bunde-H GTS-OGE,
- Oude Statenzijl GASCADE-H/Bunde (TSOs: GTS and GASCADE), hereinafter referred to as OSZ/Bunde-H GTS-GASCADE,
- Oude Statenzijl GUD-H/Oude Statenzijl-H (TSOs: GTS and GUD), hereinafter referred to as OSZ-H GTS-GUD;

Matching System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates;

[...]

New Capacity Contracts: Shall mean capacity contracts concluded for periods starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 at the VIP TTF-THE-H, and contracts concluded for periods starting 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 and onwards at the VIP-TTF-NCG-H, VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H, together with contracts concluded in the monthly auction of March 2020 regarding April 2020, as well as the day-ahead or within-day auction on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 for the gas day 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 and onwards, which will be transferred to the VIP TTF-THE-H at the Start Date;

OBA: Operational balancing account according to Article 2 lit. g) INT NC;

Passive System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates;

Single-sided Nomination: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates;

Start Date: 1 April 2022, 06:00 a.m.;

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TSO: Transmission system operator according to Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and repealing Directive 2003/55/EC, Article 2, no. (4);

VIP: Virtual interconnection point according to Article 3 no. 23 CAM NC;

VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H: Shall mean the VIP connecting the adjacent entry-exit systems of GTS and the market area GASPOOL for H-gas;

VIP-TTF-NCG-H: Shall mean the VIP connecting the adjacent entry-exit systems of GTS and the market area NCG for H-gas;

VIP TTF-THE-H: Shall mean the VIP connecting the adjacent entry-exit system of GTS and Trading Hub Europe for H-gas;

VIP TTF-THE-H OBA: Shall mean the OBA for the VIP TTF-THE-H.

### **Article 2 – General**

2.1 As of the Start Date, the Parties shall set up the VIP TTF-THE-H which contains the Interconnection Points in accordance with this VIP Agreement. The EIC Code VIP TTF-THE-H shall be 21Z0019743987060.

2.2 The capacity contracts that have been concluded at VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H or VIP-TTF-NCG-H shall be transferred to the VIP TTF-THE-H being effective as of the Start Date.

2.3 The marketing of capacity contracts for the VIP TTF-THE-H shall start with the capacity contracts concluded for the VIP TTF-THE-H in the day-ahead auction on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 for the gas day 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022.

### **Article 3 – Nomination and Matching Process**

3.1 The nomination and matching process for the VIP TTF-THE-H and any remaining related Interconnection Point shall be carried out in accordance with EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 where:

- a OGE shall act as Matching System Operator,
- b GTS shall act as Initiating System Operator,
- c OGE shall act as Active System Operator and
- d GTS shall act as Passive System Operator.

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- 3.2 Deviating from Article 3.1, the Single-sided Nomination process shall only apply for New Capacity Contracts. In case a shipper requests Single-sided Nomination for Existing Capacity Contracts, the Parties shall cooperate to find a solution for this request.
- 3.3 Nominated VIP TTF-THE-H OBA corrections and swaps for an Interconnection Point shall be included in the VIP TTF-THE-H matching process.
- 3.4 FT, GUD, GASCADE, TG and OGE shall each receive the nominations for their Existing Capacity Contracts. GUD shall receive nominations for all New Capacity Contracts at the German side. FT, GASCADE, TG and GUD shall send the nominations for their Existing Capacity Contracts to OGE. GUD shall send the nominations for all New Capacity Contracts at the German side to OGE. GTS and OGE shall aggregate same shipper code pair nominations for all New Capacity Contracts and Existing Capacity Contracts to perform the matching process between GTS and OGE.
- 3.5 OGE shall send the results of the matching process for the New Capacity Contracts at the German side to GUD. OGE shall send the result of the matching process for the Existing Capacity Contracts of FT, GUD, GASCADE, and TG to the respective TSO.
- 3.6 In case of a mismatch of an aggregated shipper code pair containing nominations of New Capacity Contracts and Existing Capacity Contracts, GTS and OGE divide the matched result proportional to the original nomination of the Existing Capacity Contracts and New Capacity Contracts.

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### **Article 6 – Operational Balancing Account**

- 6.1 GTS and OGE shall continuously calculate the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA. For the after-the-month-process, GTS shall calculate the accountable VIP TTF-THE-H OBA and provide these figures to OGE for final comparison, in order to have consistent accountable VIP TTF-THE-H OBA figures. The metering data of the previous month shall not be modified after the end of the current month minus two Business Days.
- 6.2 The VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit shall be the sum of the OBA limits of all the Interconnection Points. If the absolute value of the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA reaches

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the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit, GTS and OGE may agree to extend the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit in order to furthermore allocate steering differences to the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA and thus to provide allocations to shippers that are equal to their confirmed quantities. The extension of the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit shall be deemed to be agreed upon if and as far as neither GTS nor OGE requests to bring back the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA within the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit.

- 6.3 In case GTS or OGE explicitly requests to bring back the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA within the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit, GTS and OGE will discuss and agree on a schedule.
- 6.4 If the VIP TTF-THE-H OBA limit is exceeded and suffers further increase, pro rata allocation can be applied, subject to Article 7.2, after the Parties have been duly informed by the initiating Party. If pro rata allocation is executed the concerned Parties shall without undue delay inform their shippers about the changed allocation. For the avoidance of doubt, if pro rata allocation is executed it shall be valid for all shipper code pairs at the VIP TTF-THE-H and the underlying Interconnection Points.

### **Article 7 – Allocation**

- 7.1 Shippers shall receive allocations according to their confirmed quantities.
- 7.2 In addition to Article 6.4 first sentence the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to keep allocation according Article 7.1 active, as far as the network integrity of the gas transportation grids of the Parties are not in danger. In case the network integrity of the gas transportation grid of one of the Parties is in danger referring to article 8, the Party having a constraint shall apply the procedure as described in EASEE-gas CBP 2005-003/02 (Constraints).
- 7.3 Deviating from Article 7.1, in case pro rata allocation is required by GTS or OGE the fallback allocation method as described in Article 7.4 shall apply. The Parties shall agree on taking necessary measures to return to normal operations and allocation according to Article 7.1 without undue delay.
- 7.4 The physical flow of an hour is determined by the sum of the metered quantities of all Interconnection Points.

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If for an hour the sum of the confirmed quantities is unequal to zero and the physical flow is equal to zero then the direction of the physical flow indicated by the sum of the confirmed quantities shall be deemed to be the direction of the physical flow. The allocation of a confirmed quantity in the direction opposite to the physical flow shall be performed by using this confirmed quantity.

The allocation of a quantity in the direction of the physical flow shall be calculated by the formula:

$$\text{Allocation} = A/B * (C+D)$$

A: confirmed quantity

B: absolute sum of the confirmed quantities in the direction of the physical flow

C: absolute physical flow

D: absolute sum of the confirmed quantities in the direction opposite to the physical flow

7.5 GTS and OGE shall monthly coordinate the determination of the hourly allocated quantities per pair of shippers. Such coordination shall start as early as reasonably possible and validated data shall be exchanged at the latest by the 8<sup>th</sup> Business Day after the end of the month. If any differences are detected GTS and OGE shall contact each other in order to achieve consistent hourly allocated quantities per pair of shippers.

7.6 Allocations of the previous month will be final and will not be corrected after the last Business Day of the current month.

7.7 OGE shall determine the hourly allocated quantities for the New Capacity Contracts at the German side and the Existing Capacity Contracts of FT, GASCADE, GUD and OGE based on the coordinated determination as described in Article 7.5.

### **Article 8 – Constraints and Exceptional Events**

Constraints shall be managed according to EASEE-gas CBP 2005-003/02 (Constraints) or any updates. Exceptional Events shall be managed according to INT NC or any updates.

[...]