



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FLEXIBLE STORAGE CAPACITY FOR STORAGE PERIOD 2022 – 2023



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UNDER THE RULES OF OPERATION SETTING OUT THE COMMERCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND USE OF A GAS STORAGE FACILITY OF NAFTA a.s.

I. OFFER

NAFTA, as an operator of the Storage System (hereinafter the "Storage System Operator"), invites for application for access to and use of the Firm Flexible Storage Capacity.

Firm Flexible Storage Capacity service enables the Customer to inject and withdraw natural gas to/from the Storage Facility all year round with a 2-hour round the clock re-nomination lead time.

The Storage Capacity will be tendered among all interested gas market participants (hereinafter "Applicants").

The Gas Storage Agreement, under which the Firm Flexible Storage Capacity shall be allocated, will be concluded with successful Applicants.

Please see **the following related documents** where the terms and conditions pertaining to this storage service are stipulated.

- a. **Draft Gas Storage Agreement**, which shall be concluded between the SSO and the successful Applicants;
- b. **Rules of Operation**, setting out the commercial terms and business conditions for access to and use of the gas storage facility of NAFTA (hereinafter the "*Rules of Operation*"); and
- c. **Technical Conditions**, covering the access and connection to the storage facility of NAFTA (hereinafter the "*Technical Conditions*").

II. FIRM FLEXIBLE STORAGE CAPACITY

Firm Flexible Storage Capacity is offered in the amount of up to 1,080,000 MWh in 100 Standard Bundled Units. Storage services are provided for the period from 1 May 2022 until 30 April 2023.

A. STANDARD BUNDLED UNIT (SBU)

PARAMETERS OF 1 BASIC SBU (100 IN TOTAL)

Working Gas Volume	10,800 MWh
Maximum Injection Rate	4.10 MW
Maximum Withdrawal Rate	4.60 MW

The Injection and Withdrawal Rates will be available throughout the whole period on declining curves.

The Injection Rates will be provided at the maximum level as long as the storage account fullness is within the range of 0 % – 50 % (including) of Working Gas Volume; and between 50 % - 100 % of Working Gas Volume the Injection Rates will be linearly decreasing down to the level of 50 % of Maximum Injection Rates at 100 % of Working Gas Volume.

The Withdrawal Rates will be provided at the maximum level as long as the storage account fullness is within the range of 100 % – 50 % of Working Gas Volume; and between 50 % (including) - 0 % of Working Gas Volume the available Withdrawal Rates will be linearly decreasing down to the level of 1.7 MW at 0 % of Working Gas Volume.

There is no variable fee for injections and withdrawals.

The Customer may use NAFTA's additional services to enhance storage utilization.

B. DELIVERY POINTS

The Applicant can apply for one Delivery Point combination per Application

	INJECTION OF NATURAL GAS INTO STORAGE FACILITY	WITHDRAWALS OF NATURAL GAS FROM STORAGE FACILITY
COMBINATION 1	the Interconnection Point with Transmission System	the Interconnection Point with Transmission System
COMBINATION 2	the Interconnection Point with Transmission System	the Interconnection Point with Distribution System
COMBINATION 3	the Interconnection Point with Virtual Trading Point Austria	the Interconnection Point with Virtual Trading Point Austria

- The Interconnection Point with Transmission System enables injection and withdrawal from and to the transit network of eustream
- The Interconnection Point with the Distribution System enables withdrawal to the Slovak national grid of SPP-Distribúcia
- The Interconnection Point with the Virtual Trading Point Austria enables injection and withdrawal from and to VTP Austria via the MAB interconnector.

The SSO will charge a fee for cross-border use of storage facilities in accordance with the valid Gas System Charges Ordinance issued by the E-Control in case the cross-border use of storage facility has taken place.

For every natural gas quantity injected to the Storage Facility from the Interconnection Point with the Virtual Trading Point Austria (and also for transferred natural gas quantities that have been previously injected from the Interconnection Point with Virtual Trading Point Austria) and consequently withdrawn to the Interconnection Point with Transmission System the Storage System Operator shall apply an additional charge as published in the Storage System Operator's Price List.

Usage of non-contracted Delivery Point during the Storage Term is possible but subjects to daily availability and a fee is levied pursuant to the Price List.

C. MANDATORY FILLING LEVELS

The successful Applicant shall ensure that during the course of the Storage Term he reaches a minimum storage account filling level by a particular date as specified in the following table:

1 AUG 2022	1 SEP 2022	1 OCT 2022	1 NOV 2022	1 FEB 2023
61%	67%	74%	80%	46%

The filling levels reflect the control points as proposed in the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and Regulation (EC) n°715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to natural gas transmission networks. The required filling levels may change throughout the Storage Term so that they reflect the valid and effective legislation.

III. TENDER INFORMATION

A. GENERAL

- The details of the tender will be published on NAFTA's website.
- The Application Period will last at least three (3) hours during which the Applicants may submit their bids using the Application Form.
- An Applicant may submit a maximum of two binding, irrevocable and duly signed Application Forms by e-mail.
- All Applicants will be informed by e-mail about the result of their Application within 30 minutes after the closing of the Application Period.

B. REGISTRATION

All applicants are asked to register for this Tender by sending an email to storage@nafta.sk.

NAFTA sales team will confirm the acceptance of registration.

C. APPLICATION PERIOD

In the Application Form delivered within the Application Period, the Applicant shall specify the following:

- The number of Standard Bundled Units requested by the Applicant complying with minimum booking requirement of one (1) SBU;
- The price for SBU stated in EUR/MWh rounded to two (2) decimal points;
- The chosen combination of Delivery Points.

D. AFTER THE APPLICATION PERIOD

I. THE EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The Storage System Operator shall prioritize the Applications in accordance with the Rules of Operation with regard to the proposed price including the costs associated with the chosen combination of Delivery Points. If there is no difference between two or more Applications, the pro-rata mechanism shall apply. All other essentials contained in the Applications shall remain unchanged and valid.

The Applicants shall be informed on **the outcome of their Application(s) within 30 minutes** according to the non-discriminatory internal rules, which are set out by the Storage System Operator for all Applicants before the Application Period (hereinafter the "Internal Rules").

II. THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT(S)

Pursuant to Article 5.1.10 of the Rules of Operation, the Applicant to whom the Storage System Operator has allocated Firm Flexible Storage Capacity shall enter into the Gas Storage Agreement with the Storage System Operator at the latest within 10 days of the day of receipt of the notification of Firm Flexible Storage Capacity allocation to the Applicant.

IV. TEMPORARY AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

A. THE STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATOR'S RESERVED RIGHTS

- a) The Storage System Operator reserves the right to alter the overall allocated volume or to not allocate any volume at all based on total volume requested by Applicants and the parameters of their individual bids.
- b) The Storage System Operator has the right to reject an Application if it fails to comply with all the requirements set out in the Rules of Operation, this Invitation, and other applicable legal regulations or if the unit price proposed in the Application for the offered storage capacity is lower than the minimum price set out in the Internal Rules.
- c) The Storage System Operator has the right to request additional information or documentation from the Applicant and to check whether the information about the Applicant is accurate, using third-party sources in the public domain.
- d) The Storage System Operator shall have the right to cancel or amend the terms and conditions of this Invitation or to announce a new invitation at any time.

B. THE WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

The words and expressions not otherwise defined herein shall bear the meaning defined in the Rules of Operation and in the Technical conditions.

C. THE LANGUAGE

This Invitation is published in English version.

V. THE CONTACT DETAILS:

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VI. ANNEXES

Annex No. 1 – Gas Storage Agreement