



# INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FLEXIBLE STORAGE CAPACITY FOR STORAGE PERIOD 2024 – 2025 AND TENDER CONDITIONS



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

### I. OFFER

NAFTA, as a 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 re-nomination lead time.

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

**The Gas Storage Agreement**, under which Firm Flexible Storage Capacity is allocated, will be concluded with the 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** of 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 total amount of **300,000 MWh** for the Storage Period from **6 May 2024 until 30 April 2025**.

### A. STANDARD BUNDLED UNIT (SBU)

#### PARAMETERS OF 1 BASIC SBU (30 IN TOTAL)

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Maximum Working Volume  | 10,000 MWh |
| Maximum Injection Rate  | 3.85 MW    |
| Maximum Withdrawal Rate | 4.35 MW    |

The Injection and Withdrawal Rates are determined by the following Injection and Withdrawal Rate Curve.

The Injection Rates will be provided at the maximum level if the Storage Account fullness is within the range of 0 % – 50 % (incl.). Between 50 % - 100 % fullness of the Storage Account, the Injection Rates linearly decrease down to the level of 1.90 MW at 100 % fullness of the Storage Account.

The Withdrawal Rates will be provided at the maximum level if the Storage Account fullness is within the range of 100 % – 50 %. Between 50 % (incl.) - 0 % fullness of the Storage Account, the available Withdrawal Rates linearly decrease down to the level of 1.55 MW at 0 % fullness of the Storage Account.

### B. DELIVERY POINTS

The Applicant can apply for one Delivery Point combination per Application:

|                      | INJECTION OF GAS INTO STORAGE FACILITY                       | WITHDRAWAL OF GAS FROM STORAGE FACILITY                      |
|----------------------|--|--|
| <b>COMBINATION 1</b> | Delivery Point with the Transmission System - Domestic Point | Delivery Point with the Transmission System - Domestic Point |
| <b>COMBINATION 2</b> | Delivery Point with the Transmission System - Domestic Point | Delivery Point with the Distribution System                  |
| <b>COMBINATION 3</b> | Delivery Point with VTP Austria via MAB/WAG                  | Delivery Point with VTP Austria via MAB/WAG                  |

- The Delivery Point with the Transmission System enables injection from and withdrawal to the transmission network of eustream, a.s.
- The Delivery Point with the Distribution System enables withdrawal into the distribution network of SPP-Distribúcia, a.s.
- The Delivery Point with VTP Austria via MAB/WAG enables injection from and withdrawal to the virtual trading point in Austria via the WAG/MAB interconnector.

Usage of non-contracted Delivery Point during the Storage Period is possible but subjects to the Additional Delivery Point service and a fee is levied pursuant to the Price List.

For special fees associated with using the particular Delivery Points please see NAFTA's Price List.

## III. GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. GENERAL

- Further details and the supporting documents to 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 maximum two binding, irrevocable and duly signed Application forms by e-mail.
- All Applicants will be informed by e-mail about the outcome of their Application within 30 minutes of the Application period closing.

## B. REGISTRATION

All Applicants are asked to register for this Tender by sending an email to [storage@nafta.sk](mailto:storage@nafta.sk).

NAFTA sales team will confirm the acceptance of the 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 1 MWh of the requested Storage Capacity 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 based on 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** of the Application period closing according to the above-mentioned non-discriminatory rules.

### II. THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT(S)

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.

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## IV. TEMPORARY AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

### A. THE STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATOR'S RESERVED RIGHTS

- 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 the Applicants and the parameters of their individual bids.
- 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, Tender Conditions, 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.
- 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.
- 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. WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

Words and expressions not defined in this document will have the meanings assigned to them in the Rules of Operation and the Technical Conditions.

## C. LANGUAGE

This Invitation and Tender Conditions are published in English version only.

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## V. THE CONTACT DETAILS:

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## VI. ANNEXES

**Annex No. 1** – Gas Storage Agreement