INVITATION TO APPLY FOR INVERSE STORAGE WITH ASSET LOAN 2026-2027 AND TENDER CONDITIONS - PRODUCT SUM26/SUM27

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.   INTRODUCTION

NAFTA, as an operator of the Storage Facility (hereinafter the "**SSO**") invites the market participants to apply for **Inverse Storage with Asset Loan**.

Inverse Storage with Asset Loan is a combined Storage service consisting of the Storage Capacity and the right of the Customer to borrow natural gas from the SSO up to the agreed amount of natural gas and the obligation of the Customer to return the borrowed amount of natural gas.

The SSO will enter into either (i) an **Agreement on the Provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan**, or (ii) an **Individual Contract – Inverse Storage Loan** (for Customers who have already executed a Framework Agreement on the Provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan) with the successful Applicant(s). Under the relevant agreement, the Inverse Storage with Asset Loan capacity will be allocated.
Please refer to the documents listed below, which set out the terms and conditions applicable to this tender and the Storage Service offered.

- **Draft of the Agreement on provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan or Framework Agreement on the Provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan,** which shall be concluded between the SSO and the successful Applicant(s);

- **Rules of Operation** setting out the commercial terms and conditions for access to and use of the gas storage facility of NAFTA a.s. (hereinafter referred to as the "**Rules of Operation**"); and

- **Technical Conditions** of access and connection to the storage facility of NAFTA a.s. (hereinafter referred to as the "**Technical Conditions**").

II.   INVERSE STORAGE WITH ASSET LOAN

The Inverse Storage with Asset Loan will consist of the following:

   a)   Allocation of the agreed Firm Storage Capacity with adjustable compulsory flows; and

   b)   Right of the Customer to borrow natural gas from the SSO up to the agreed amount of natural gas and the obligation of the Customer to return the borrowed amount of natural gas.

Inverse Storage with Asset Loan is offered in the total amount up to **2 TWh** for the Storage Period from **1 April 2026 until 30 September 2027** in several tranches.

A. STANDARD BUNDLED UNIT (SBU)

PARAMETERS OF 1 SBU

Working Volume	26,352 MWh
Withdrawal Rate	6 MW
Injection Rate	6 MW

The **Withdrawal Period** during which the Customer is obliged to withdraw natural gas from the Storage Facility on flat basis is from **1 April 2026** 6:00 AM CEST until **1 October 2026** 6:00 AM CEST.

The **Injection Period** during which the Customer is obliged to inject natural gas into the Storage Facility on flat basis is from **1 April 2027** 6:00 AM CEST until **1 October 2027** 6:00 AM CEST.

The Customer and/or the SSO may request an **adjustment of Compulsory Flows.** The adjustment is subject to approval by the other Party.

B. DELIVERY POINTS

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

	WITHDRAWAL OF NATURAL GAS FROM STORAGE FACILITY	INJECTION OF NATURAL GAS INTO STORAGE FACILITY
COMBINATION 1	Delivery Point with the Transmission System – Domestic Point and Delivery Point with the Distribution System	Delivery Point with the Transmission System – Domestic Point
COMBINATION 2	Delivery Point with VTP Austria via MAB/WAG	Delivery Point with VTP Austria via MAB/WAG

For detailed information regarding special fees applicable to the use of the respective Delivery Points, please refer to NAFTA's Price List.

C. SECURITY

The SSO is entitled to request from the Applicant a Bank Guarantee or a Parent Company Guarantee, or other adequate form of guarantee based on its own risk assessment. The Applicant shall be informed about the details of the required security after the assessment of Applicant´s KYC status and financial capability.

III. TENDER INFORMATION

A. REGISTRATION

All Applicants are obliged to register to tender for Inverse Storage with Asset Loan as described above by sending an email to **storage@nafta.sk.**

The SSO will check the KYC status of the Applicant. If the Applicant is approved in the KYC procedure, the SSO will confirm the acceptance of registration, and inform the Applicant about the Bank Guarantee/Parent Company Guarantee requirements, if needed.

B. APPLICATION PERIOD

- The application period will be announced on SSO's website and will last at least 2 hours.
- The Applicants may submit their binding bids using the Application Form(s) only during the application period.
- An Applicant may submit more binding and irrevocable Application(s) by e-mail.
- All Applicants will be informed of the evaluation results of their Application(s) by e-mail within 10 minutes after the application period ends.

C. APPLICATION FORM

The Applicant shall deliver the Application(s) to storage@nafta.sk within the application period. In the Application Form, the Applicant shall specify the following:

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

D. AFTER THE APPLICATION PERIOD

I. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The SSO shall prioritize the Applications in accordance with the Rules of Operation with regard to the proposed price including the cost of selected combination of Delivery Points. If there is no difference between two or more Applications, the pro-rata mechanism shall apply.

The Applicants shall be informed about **the outcome of their Application(s) within 10 minutes** in accordance with the non-discriminatory internal rules, which are set out by the SSO for all Applicants before the application period (hereinafter the "**Internal Rules**").

II. THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT(S)

The Applicant to whom the SSO has allocated Inverse Storage with Asset Loan shall enter into Agreement on provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan with the SSO.

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, Tender Conditions, and other applicable legal regulations or if the unit price proposed in the Application for the offered Storage Service 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 tender or to announce a new tender at any time.

B. WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

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

C. LANGUAGE

This Invitation and Tender Conditions are published in English version.

V. THE CONTACT DETAILS:

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VI. ANNEXES

Annex No. 1 – **Agreement on provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan**

Annex No. 2 – **Framework Agreement on the Provision of Inverse Storage with Asset Loan**

Annex No. 3 – Application Form