Dear partners,

Please be informed that the auctions regarding the yearly bundled capacities offered at the interconnection point:

- Negru Vodă 1, BG>RO direction (EIC code: 21Z00000000159I, GMOIS code: PM0291), and
- Negru Vodă 1, RO>BG direction (EIC code: 21Z00000000159I, GMOIS code: SM1278D0)

for the yearly bundled firm existing capacity for the next 15 gas years, respectively for the bundled existing + incremental capacity for the next 17 gas years, starting with the gas year 2024/2025, were registered in the Regional Booking Platform (RBP).

Please note that in the Bulgaria Romania direction, existing available firm capacity is offered together with the incremental capacity in simultaneous, interdependent auctions. All information on the Incremental Capacity Process and the Binding Incremental Capacity Allocation Procedure is available here and supplements the provisions below valid for existing firm capacity on the Romania Bulgaria direction.

The auction notification regarding the offered capacity is published on the RBP Portal.

The Network Users will be entitled to participate in the auction if:

A. they completed the registration in the RBP application. Details on the RBP registration may be found at the public website of the application at: https://ipnew.rbp.eu/RBP.eu/#register. The registration of a Network User in the RBP application is conditional on the prior conclusion of a Network User membership agreement for the usage of the Regional Booking Platform between the Network User and the operator of the application, meaning FGSZ Ltd.

and if, till 14 June 2024:

B. they concluded with Transgaz the framework gas transmission contract established in ANRE President's Order No. 130/24.06.2020 on measures for transmission capacity booking at the interconnection points between the Romanian Gas Transmission System and the Gas Transmission Systems of states neighbouring Romania, as amended and supplemented, available here;

and if, till 16:00 a.m. (UTC), on Tuesday, 25 June 2024:

C. they submitted the auction participation guarantee at Transgaz.

The firm capacity available in IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam, on the exit direction is offered on the RBP platform, in simultaneous auctions, with two different types of capacity, according to the provisions of ANRE Order no. 80/2022 on the amendment and supplement of some orders of the President of the National Energy Regulatory Authority, in the natural gas sector, namely:

- firm capacity with access to the Romanian Virtual Trading Point (VTP), and
- firm capacity without access to the VTP, subject to the same NU booking a capacity, at least equal in IP Isaccea 1, in the entry direction into Romania.

The entire available firm capacity offered in IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam on the entry direction is with access to the VTP.

Both the auctions for firm capacity (RO>BG) and for existing capacity + incremental capacity (BG>RO), will start on **01.07.2024** at 07.00 a.m. (UTC), meaning 09.00 a.m. Hungarian time (CET) and 10.00 a.m. Romanian time and Bulgarian time (EET). The Network Users may submit in the auction bids for the requested capacity in subsequent rounds, applying pre-determined price steps (ascending clock auction). Additional information regarding the auction process may be found in the <u>Operational Rules of the Regional Booking Platform (PRRC)</u> and in the <u>User Manual for the Bidder Role</u>.

The winning Network Users have the obligation to pay the capacity booking fee related to the obtained capacity, any auction premium calculated following the performance of the auction, and, if applicable, the commodity fee for the transmitted gas quantity.

For further clarifications regarding the auctions, please do not hesitate to contact us at support@rbp.eu (English) or at rbp@transgaz.ro.

Yours sincerely,

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