

Gas Network Codes Functionality Process Issue Solution

Issue details	
Number:	01/2020
Name:	Greater flexibility to book firm capacity at IPs
Reporting party:	EFET
Network Code / Guidelines concerned:	Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms, Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (CAM NC)
Article of the Network Code / Guidelines	Articles 8.3, 11.2, 12.2, 13.2 and 13.4
Category:	European Issue
<p>Abstract: The EFET proposal for solving the issue aims to make firm IP capacity more readily available to shippers by enabling TSOs to offer it for sale in uniform price algorithm (UPA) auctions outside the CAM NC auction timetable dates.</p> <p>EFET proposes supplementary UPA auctions for yearly, quarterly, and monthly IP capacity that would be held for any capacity remaining unsold after the first relevant CAM NC ascending clock algorithm (ACA) auction, up to the point where it becomes usable. The relevant yearly, quarterly, and monthly CAM NC auctions would be held first, before any supplementary UPA auction takes place.</p> <p>The UPA auctions would not take place if firm yearly, quarterly, or monthly capacity at an IP was sold at an auction premium, was sold out, or was not offered. In such instances TSOs could offer interruptible yearly, quarterly, or monthly IP capacity on the dates specified by ENTSG in the auction calendar.</p> <p>EFET suggests TSOs and booking platforms could choose to implement supplementary UPA auctions or not, possibly on an initial trial basis.</p> <p>See the full description of the issue and solution proposal, including possible auction timescales and example auction calendar on the FUNC Platform.</p>	

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This FUNC process aims at taking the necessary time to investigate the possible options and solutions, therefore, a public consultation (December 2020 – March 2021) covered not only the EFET proposal on the auction calendar, but also the auction algorithms, the product runtimes, and other issues. The aim was to assess the general evaluation by stakeholders of the CAM NC rules.

Additional and alternative proposals to EFET's were presented during an online public workshop held on 27 June 2022 during which all stakeholders were invited to participate and provide their assessment of the proposed measures.

A survey was then conducted during the summer (July-August 2022), following the workshop, to gather written feedback and provide views on precise questions.

Based on the EFET proposal, the contributions received to the public consultations and public workshop, and internal discussions held between NRAs and TSOs, ACER and ENTSGO have been working on proposals to improve the CAM rules.

ACER and ENTSGO propose the following main measures be taken into consideration to provide an appropriate solution for the issue reported by EFET on the one hand, and also to improve the CAM NC rules and make them more adapted and adaptable to the market conditions and market participants' needs, on the other hand:

- Introduce additional booking opportunities.
- Allow for advance booking of monthly and daily capacity products.
- Improve the efficiency of the allocation process
- Introduce more flexibility in the CAM rules.

For detailed description of the options discussed by ACER and ENTSGO and of the proposals provided, please refer to the Issue Solution Supporting Note document (Annex I).

For detailed amendment proposals of the CAM NC, please refer to the Amendment Proposals to CAM NC document (Annex II, mainly suggesting the modifications to the Chapter III on Allocation of the Firm Capacity Products of the CAM NC).