

# Consultation on the updated report on the interim measures implemented by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.

## Consultation on the updated report on the interim measures implemented by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. in accordance with BAL NC and survey concerning the scope of data provided to market participants in the balancing process

Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. hereby invites all interested parties to participate in the consultations on [the updated report on the interim measures implemented in the balancing areas managed by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.](#) in accordance with Article 45 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 312/2014 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks (BAL NC).

BAL NC contains guidelines on the principles of balancing the system and making settlements with shippers for individual imbalances. Transmission system operators in the European Union, including GAZ-SYSTEM S.A., are obliged to apply the principles of BAL NC since 1 October 2015. The Regulation supports the development of the short-term wholesale gas fuel markets and to tighten the integration of the EU gas market by ensuring consistency of the principles of balancing the transmission systems within the EU Member States.

In the absence of sufficient liquidity on the short-term wholesale natural gas market and hence limited opportunities for balancing the transmission system in accordance with the BAL NC, the transmission system operator implements so-called interim measures, namely admissible and transitional derogations from the BAL NC principles, the list of which has been specified in Articles 47–50 of the Regulation. The implementation of the interim measures requires the preparation of a document (report) confirming the justification for introducing the proposed interim measures.

On 10th June 2015, President of the Energy Regulatory Office issued a decision (sign DRR-7129-2(13)/2014/2015/AN/MSi) approving the Report on the interim measures planned for the implementation by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. in connection with the entry into force of BAL NC. On 30th September 2016, the President of Energy Regulatory Office issued a decision (sign DRR.WIR.7129.4.1.2016.JF) approving the update of the report prepared by the TSO. The approved reports define the application of the following interim measures:

- 1) tolerance - in relation to the high-methane gas balancing area,
- 2) interim imbalance charge - in relation to TGPS balancing area and low-methane gas balancing area,
- 3) balancing platform, for all balancing areas of GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.

Interim measures approved by the President of ERO (decision of 30th September 2016) apply during the period from 6:00 am on 1 October 2016 to 6:00 a.m. on 1 October 2017.

GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. assessed the impact of the functioning of the interim measures and in accordance with Art. 46 point 3 BAL NC prepared the updated report. It provides for the continuation of the use of interim measures in the balancing areas where GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. acts as a transmission system operator.

After the consultation, the updated report will be forwarded to the President of the Energy Regulatory Office for approval.

We would like to invite all interested parties to review the draft report and send comments (if any) till 20th June 2017, by submitting a completed [form](#) to the following e-mail address: [instrukcja@gaz-system.pl](mailto:instrukcja@gaz-system.pl).

At the same time, in accordance with the Report approved by the decision of the President of ERO of 30th September 2016, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. in cooperation with the Energy Regulatory Office is carrying out a survey of market participants in order to assess whether the scope of the information provided to market participants in the balancing process is sufficient to reduce the tolerance level in the next gas year.

You are kindly requested to answer the questions and send [the completed file](#) (in .docx format) to: [instrukcja@gaz-system.pl](mailto:instrukcja@gaz-system.pl) by 20th June 2017 r.