

Guidance concerning reallocation of capacities from Interconnection Points to Domestic Exit Points

On 30th August 2019, Austrian Gas Grid Management (AGGM) posted an issue to the Functionality Platform¹ in which they reported that, since 2017, capacities in the NCG market area are being re-allocated following the annual and quarterly auctions, from interconnection points (IP) to distribution exit points (DEP). AGGM claimed that these restrictions were contrary to Article 8 of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (NC CAM).

Following consideration of the issue in line with the agreed FUNC procedures, ACER and ENTSOG published a Solution Note to the FUNC platform on the 5th June 2020, together with a Supporting Note. In consideration of the fact that the guidance set out in the Solution Note may be of relevance for all network users, and not just those who have registered to the FUNC Platform, we have made available a copy of both the Solution Note and Supporting Note below.

It should be noted that both documents reflect the policy discussions in the underlying bodies of ACER and provide guidance on the conditions under which it might be appropriate for TSOs to reallocate capacity from Interconnection Points to Domestic Exit Points and vice versa in exceptional cases. Both documents also incorporate the technical inputs from ENTSOG. Finally, the guidance set out the documents does not replace possible decisions by national regulatory authorities and competent courts.

Annexes:





¹ The Gas Network Codes Functionality Platform (available at this <u>link</u>), co-managed by ACER and ENTSOG, addresses issues reported by registered users related to the implementation of gas Network Codes and uidelines.