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Subject
Capacity Release

Dear Sir, Madam,

In our continuous efforts to optimize the amount of available capacity in potentially congested areas, GTS regularly evaluates and if possible and appropriate, adapts the principles used in the capacity planning process.

In the draft Addendum to the Investment Plan 2022, we announced an increase of available capacity in the Maasvlakte area as of 1 October 2025. Several parties have submitted a connection request in this area. Because the sum of the requested capacities exceeds the capacity which can be made available within the desired time frames, the available capacity will be allocated by means of a Capacity Release at a new virtual network point with reference VEP MAASVLAKTE (301580). The Capacity Release will include both the *existing available capacity* (which is currently only available at network point Rotterdam Gate (301345)), and the *additional capacity*. Therefore, no capacity will be available on a first come first serve basis at network point Rotterdam Gate (301345) between 5 June 2023 and 3 July 2023. Please see the Enclosure 1 for an overview of the available capacity.

Procedure

The available capacity can be requested with start date 1 October 2025 or later. It can be booked on a monthly, quarterly or yearly capacity basis. As seen in Enclosure 1, the capacity offered exists of the *existing available capacity* and *additional capacity*. In case the total requested capacity exceeds the *existing available capacity*, the booking will be divided into a booking of *existing available capacity* and a booking of *additional capacity*. The *existing available capacity* will be allocated pro rata between the shippers and the *additional capacity* is added to the *existing available capacity* up to the level of the total booking request. The *additional capacity* is subject to the timely completion of the required network measures.

Booking procedure

Booking request forms for the Capacity Release have to be sent to the Customer Desk (customerdesk@gastransport.nl) **before** 17:00 CET, 26 June 2023. Please also indicate your minimum requested capacity on the request form as well. Any booking requests received later will not be accepted.

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Shippers will receive a confirmation upon receipt of the booking request form. If the total requested capacity does not exceed the available capacity, all booking requests will be accepted and confirmed.

Any remaining capacity will be offered on PRISMA as of 4 July on a First come First serve (FcFs) basis.

Notary procedure

If the total of requested capacity by shippers exceeds the total available capacity, a notary procedure will be used, meaning that all booking requests will be collected and a notary will draw the booking requests up to the total available capacity. These capacities will then be booked by GTS.

If applicable, the notary procedure will take place on 3 July 2023, all concerned shippers will be informed about the outcome and whether or not their booking request was drawn and processed.

Terms & Conditions

The Transmission Service Conditions ("TSC") are applicable to the awarded and booked capacity.

The availability of the *additional capacity* is subject to i) the final (investment) decision regarding the required measures as stated in the Addendum to the Investment Plan 2022 and ii) the timely completion of the required measures. In the event of a (partly) delayed availability of the *additional capacity*, the start date of the booking regarding the *additional capacity*, will be adjusted accordingly with a maximum delay of two years. The booking will expire after two years. For the avoidance of doubt, the start date of the booked capacity for *existing available capacity* will not be postponed.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Customer Desk via mail (customerdesk@gastransport.nl) or by phone +31 (0)50 521 33 33.

With kind regards,



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