

**Agreement  
on Implementation of a  
Virtual Interconnection Point between the  
Entry-Exit-Systems for H gas of  
GTS and GASPOOL („VIP Agreement“)**

Between

On the Dutch side:

Gasunie Transport Services B.V.

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-hereinafter referred to as "GTS"-

and

On the German side:

GASCADE Gastransport GmbH

Kölnische Strasse 108-112

34119 Kassel

-hereinafter referred to as "GASCADE"-

and

Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH

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-hereinafter referred to as "GUD"-

-hereinafter referred to individually as "Party"

or collectively as "Parties"-

[...]

## Article 1 - Definitions

Active System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 Harmonisation of the Nomination and Matching Process for Double-Sided and Single-Sided Nomination or any updates.

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Business Day: Shall mean any day which is not a Saturday or Sunday or an official holiday as meant in Article 3 of the Dutch Act "Algemene Termijnenwet" or a German official holiday in Hesse or Lower Saxony.

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Exceptional Event: According to Article 2 lit. a) INT NC.

Existing Capacity Contracts: Shall mean capacity contracts concluded before the Start Date and valid after the Start Date related to respective Interconnection Points.

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Initiating System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates.

Interconnection Point(s): Shall mean one or all of the interconnection points

- Oude Statenijl GUD-H/Oude Statenijl-H (TSOs: GTS and GUD), hereinafter referred to as OSZ-H GTS-GUD,
- Oude Statenijl GASCADE-H/Bunde (TSOs: GTS and GASCADE), hereinafter referred to as OSZ/Bunde-H GTS-GASCADE.

INT NC: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules.

Matching System Operator: according to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates.

New Capacity Contracts: Shall mean capacity contracts concluded for periods starting from the Start Date and later at the VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H, starting with contracts concluded in the monthly auction of March 2020 regarding April 2020,

as well as the day-ahead or within-day auction on 31 March 2020 for the gas day 1 April 2020 onwards, related to the VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H.

OBA: Operational balancing account according to Article 2 lit. g) INT NC.

Passive System Operator: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates.

Single-sided Nomination: According to EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 or any updates.

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Start Date: 1 April 2020, 6:00 a.m.

TSO: Transmission system operator according to Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and repealing Directive 2003/55/EC, Article 2, (4).

VIP: Virtual interconnection point according to Article 3 no. 23 CAM NC.

VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H: Shall mean the VIP connecting the two adjacent entry-exit systems of GTS and the market area GASPOOL for H gas.

VIP OBA: OBA for the VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H.

VIP TSO: Shall mean the TSO responsible for the marketing of gas transport capacity contracts at the VIP.

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## **Article 2 – General**

As of the Start Date, the Parties shall set up the VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H which contains the Interconnection Points in accordance with this VIP Agreement. The EIC Code VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H shall be 21Z000000000500Z.

## **Article 3 – Nomination and Matching Process**

3.1 The nomination and matching process for the VIP-TTF-GASPOOL-H and any remaining related Interconnection Point shall be carried out in accordance with EASEE-gas CBP 2014-001/01 where:

a GUD shall act as Matching System Operator,

- b GTS shall act as Initiating System Operator,
- c GUD shall act as Active System Operator, and
- d GTS shall act as Passive System Operator.

3.2 Deviating from Article 3.1, the Single-sided Nomination process shall only apply for New Capacity Contracts.

3.3 Nominated swaps and nominated OBA corrections for an Interconnection Point shall be included in the VIP matching process.

3.4 GUD and GASCADE shall receive each the nominations for their Existing Capacity Contracts. GUD shall receive nominations for all New Capacity Contracts at the German side of the VIP. GASCADE shall send the received nominations to GUD. GTS and GUD shall aggregate same shipper code pair nominations for all New Capacity Contracts and Existing Capacity Contracts to perform the matching process between GTS and GUD.

3.5 GUD shall send the results of the matching process for the Existing Capacity Contracts of GASCADE to GASCADE.

3.6 In case of a mismatch of an aggregated shipper code pair containing nominations of New Capacity Contracts and Existing Capacity Contracts GTS and GUD divide the matched result proportional to the original nomination of the Existing Capacity Contracts and New Capacity Contracts.

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## **Article 7 – Allocation**

7.1 Network users shall receive allocations according to their confirmed quantities.

7.2 Deviating from Article 7.1, in case pro rata allocation is required by GTS or GUD the following fallback allocation method as described in Article 7.3 shall apply. The Parties shall agree on necessary measures to return to normal operations and allocation according to Article 7.1 without undue delay.

7.3 The physical flow of an hour is determined by the sum of the metered quantities of all Interconnection Points.

If for an hour the sum of the confirmed quantities is unequal to zero and the physical flow is equal to zero then the direction of the physical flow indicated by

the sum of the confirmed quantities shall be deemed to be the direction of the physical flow. The allocation of a confirmed quantity in the direction opposite to the physical flow shall be performed by using this confirmed quantity.

The allocation of a quantity in the direction of the physical flow shall be calculated by the formula:

$$\text{Allocation} = A/B * (C+D)$$

A: confirmed quantity

B: absolute sum of the confirmed quantities in the direction of the physical flow

C: absolute physical flow

D: absolute sum of the confirmed quantities in the direction opposite to the physical flow

In case the VIP OBA is temporarily postponed GUD shall calculate the allocation figures on the German side and send the relevant figures to GASCADE. GUD and GASCADE shall agree on the process and formats for the exchange of allocation figures between them.

7.4 GTS and GUD shall monthly coordinate the determination of the hourly allocated quantities per pair of shippers. Such coordination shall take place between the 1st and the 10th Business Day after the end of the month. If any differences are detected GTS and GUD shall contact each other in order to achieve consistent hourly allocated quantities per pair of shippers.

7.5 Allocations of the previous month shall be final and shall not be corrected after the last Business Day of the current month.

7.6 GUD shall coordinate the determination of the hourly allocated quantities for the Existing Capacity Contracts of GASCADE based on the coordinated determination as described in Article 7.4.

## **Article 8 – Constraints and Exceptional Event**

Constraints shall be managed according to EASEE-gas CBP 2005-003/02 or any updates. Exceptional Events shall be managed according to INT NC.

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