

# Consultation 61: Oxygen level increase, reallocation for OCUC's and update incident management plan

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Fluxys Belgium is proposing adjustments to its regulatory documents for transmission with a focus on:

- (i) Changes to the Standard Transmission Agreement, Access Code for Transmission and Transmission Program
  - a. Increasing the maximum O<sub>2</sub> level for Domestic Point of Injection
  - b. Reallocation Service for Operational Capacity Usage Commitments and discontinue the offer for Operational Capacity Usage Commitment Services
  - c. Extend the criteria to offer interruptible capacity to match NC CAM
  - d. Align Attachment F "Plan for Incident management" with new federal emergency plan.
  - e. Validity date Bank Guarantee, at least 3 months in the future
  - f. Technical changes
  
- (ii) Changes to the Standard Connection Agreement End User
  - a. Reference to SOS Regulation, implement measures provided in the new federal emergency plan and adaptations following CREG decision on new Code of Conduct
  
- (iii) Changes to the annexes to the Standard Connection Agreement Local Producer
  - a. Technical changes

The consultation starts on January 30<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 close of business.

**i. Changes to the Standard Transmission Agreement, Access Code for Transmission and Transmission Program**

**a. Increasing maximum O<sub>2</sub> limit for Domestic Point of Injection**

The adaptation consists in increasing the maximum O<sub>2</sub> limit for Domestic Point of injection, from 1000 to 5000 ppm by vol. moving 24 hour average, at the condition that depending on the injection location, a lower O<sub>2</sub> limit might be applicable. This limitation is introduced in order to safeguard the gas quality specifications applicable towards Loenhout, interconnection points or sensitive customers.

This proposal aims to ease the development of biomethane in Belgium, to align Distribution networks and Transport network gas quality specifications and to better align our O<sub>2</sub> specifications to those of our neighbouring countries (FR : 7000ppm, UK : 2000ppm, NL : 5000ppm, DE : 10000ppm, DK : 5000ppm).

**b. Reallocation Service for Operational Capacity Usage Commitments and discontinue the offer for Operational Capacity Usage Commitments Services**

In the tariff proposal for the period 2024-2027 Operational Capacity Usage Commitments will have the same tariff as the sum of the underlying Entry and Exit Service. In order to allow Network Users to reallocate their Operational Capacity Usage Commitments into Entry Transmission Services and Exit Transmission Services, a one-off reallocation window will be organised in June 2023. Furthermore subscription of new Operational Capacity Usage Commitments will no longer be possible as from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**c. Extend the criteria to offer interruptible capacity to match NC CAM**

Make it possible to offer interruptible capacity not only when firm capacity is sold out but also when an auction premium was paid or when firm capacity was not offered, as stipulated in the NC CAM. The interruptible capacity upgrade principle is removed as it is inconsistent with the above-mentioned changes.

**d. Align Attachment F “Plan for Incident management” with new federal emergency plan.**

In order to align Attachment F with the new federal emergency plan (version of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022), some changes have been introduced relating to the different phases of the emergency plan.

**e. Validity date Bank Guarantee, at least 3 months in the future**

To align the credit requirements with the credit requirements of the Balancing Agreement, the validity date of the Bank Guarantee should be at least 3 months in the future.

**f. Technical changes**

Some changes have been introduced to align the regulatory documents with the tariff proposal for the period 2024-2027 and with the transition to digital meters for households. Next to the abovementioned changes, several textual adjustments have been realised in order to improve the readability of the texts.

**ii. Changes to the Standard Connection Agreement End User**

**a. SOS Regulation and new federal emergency plan**

In order to align with the new federal emergency plan (version of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022), the obligations of parties have been adapted accordingly. The references to the Code of Conduct have also been adapted following the CREG decision on August, 31 2022.

**iii. Changes to the Annexes to the Standard Connection Agreement Local Producer**

**a. Technical changes**

In the attachment 1 the table containing the quality specifications has been removed to clarify that the specifications of Synergrid are applicable as referred to in the document.