



ACCESS CODE FOR TRANSMISSION

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1. Purpose

This Access Code for Transmission consists of a standard set of terms and conditions governing regulated access to the Transmission Services offered by the Transmission System Operator to any Grid User on the Transmission Grid operated by Transmission System Operator in accordance with the code of conduct regarding access to the natural gas transmission network, storage facility for natural gas and LNG facility as approved by royal Decree of 23 December 2010 (the Code of Conduct).

The purpose of the Access Code for Transmission is to define the set of rules and procedures governing the Transmission Services offered by Transmission System Operator to Grid Users on the Transmission Grid. In addition to being governed by the Access Code for Transmission, the Transmission Services offered by Transmission System Operator to any Grid User on the Transmission Grid shall be subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Standard Transmission Agreement entered into between Transmission System Operator and any such Grid User.

2. Scope

This Access Code for Transmission shall apply to all Grid Users subscribing for the Transmission Services from the Transmission System Operator.

3. Definitions

Unless given any different meaning in this Access Code for Transmission, any capitalised term or expression in this Access Code for Transmission shall have the meaning given to it in the Glossary of Definitions, in Attachment 3 of the Standard Transmission Agreement.

4. Severability

The invalidity of any provision of this Access Code for Transmission or of any schedule, ~~attachment~~Attachment, or part of a schedule or ~~attachment-Attachment~~ does not affect the validity of the Access Code for Transmission in its entirety. If any provision of this Access Code for Transmission is held to be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision shall (so far as it is invalid or unenforceable) be given no effect and shall be deemed not to be included in this Access Code for Transmission but without invalidating any of the remaining provisions of this Access Code for Transmission. Subject to section 1.5 and in accordance with the applicable regulation and legislation, Transmission System Operator shall then consult and make proposal in order to replace the invalid or unenforceable provision by a valid and enforceable substitute provision of which the effect is as close as possible to the intended effect of the invalid or unenforceable provision and integrate such modification into this Access Code for Transmission.

5. Status and coherence of the Access Code for Transmission

5.1. Consultation and submission of the Access Code for Transmission

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, approval of the Access Code for Transmission (first version and its amendments) takes place as follows¹:

- a) the Transmission System Operator must consult the market;
- b) the Transmission System Operator must submit the proposal of the Access Code for Transmission to the formal approval of the Regulator;
- c) Regulator must make a decision on the content of this proposal.

5.2. Publication of the status of the Access Code for Transmission

The Transmission System Operator shall inform the Grid Users of Regulator's decision. The changed version of the Access Code for Transmission and the date from which this version shall apply, shall be communicated by the Transmission System Operator to the Grid Users by means of a publication on the website of the TSO.

The applicable version of the Access Code for Transmission is always available on the website of the TSO. Moreover, each version is given a unique version number, corresponding to its date of approval by Regulator.

6. Interpretation of the Access Code for Transmission

In this Access Code for Transmission:

- a) All references to a clause, unless specified otherwise, are references to a clause in this Access Code for Transmission; references to a paragraph in a Section are references to a paragraph in the same Section in this Access Code for Transmission, and references to an Attachment are references to an Attachment in this Access Code for Transmission. The ~~attachments~~ Attachments constitute an integral part of this Access Code for Transmission.

- b) In the Attachments of the Access Code for Transmission, all references to a clause, unless specified otherwise, are references to a clause in the same Attachment; references to a section are references to a section in the same Attachment; references to a paragraph are references to a paragraph in the same Attachment.

- b)c) _____ The layout, heading and table of contents are only for the benefit of the reader and are inconsequential as regards the interpretation of content of the Access Code for Transmission.

¹ Notwithstanding the procedure set out here, the Transmission System Operator reserves the right to introduce minor changes (such as material errors) without prior consultation of Grid Users. These minor changes shall be formally reported to the Grid Users and shall also be published on the website of the TSO. The Transmission System Operator shall inform Regulator of such changes and the arguments for introducing these.

e)d) Any reference to a statute, associated act, regulation, rule, delegated legislation or decree, is issued to the same one as amended, modified or replaced over the course of time, and to any associated act, regulation, rule, delegated legislation or decree among them.

e)e) References to time, unless specified otherwise, are references to local Belgian time. References to day, month and year, unless specified otherwise, are references to a day, month and year of the Gregorian calendar, respectively.

e)f) The description of rules, conditions and provisions only relates to the Transmission Services offered on the Transmission Grid.

7. Structure of the Access Code for Transmission

Section	Title
Access Code for Transmission	Access Code for Transmission
Attachment A	Transmission Model
Attachment B	Subscription and Allocation of Transmission Services
Attachment C	C1: General operating procedures C2: Interruption constraints of end user domestic exit points C3: Operating procedures for quality conversion services C4: Specific requirements
Attachment D	Metering Procedures
Attachment E	Congestion Management
Attachment F	Incident Management
Attachment G	Forms
Attachment H	Electronic Data Platform