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New model for LNG truck loading
and changes to LNG Access Codes



In a continuous effort to further improve its service offering for terminal users, Fluxys LNG is submitting for consultation the following changes : (i) truck loading services following the construction of new truck loading bays, (ii) new tariffs for LNG truck services, (iii) minor changes to the Access Code for Truck Loading, (iv) minor changes to the LNG Access Code, and various minor editorial changes.

1. New model for truck loading services

To prepare the commissioning of new truck loading bays, and to leverage the new opportunities they offer, Fluxys LNG is introducing the following changes to its existing service:

- **LNG Truck Loading Service:** the service includes one loading operation that will now be performed by the truck driver instead of terminal operator. In case the loading still needs to be performed by Fluxys LNG, an additional *LNG Truck Loading Assistance Service* (see below) will need to be booked.

With this change, Fluxys LNG is also introducing the following additional services:

- **LNG Truck Loading Assistance Service:** for drivers who are not authorised to perform loading operations themselves, or for those that request an assistance, booking this service ensures that the loading operation is performed by Fluxys LNG and not by the truck driver;
- **LNG Truck Driver Authorisation Service:** the service is used to plan the loading test for the driver, as last step of the training process to become authorised (see below). This additional service must be booked alongside a regular assisted loading operation.

In their process to become authorised, drivers will need to follow a multiple-step training which includes:

- a) **Online training** which explains safety rules and the basic operation of the loading bays;
- b) **Practical training** that takes place, upon request, during a regular loading operation (with assistance). This training must be followed on two occasions before the loading test can be taken;
- c) **Loading test** that takes place during a regular loading operation (with assistance) if the *LNG Truck Driver Authorisation Service* was added.

2. New tariffs for LNG truck services

The key proposed amendments to the LNG tariffs in the envisioned update of the tariff proposal are aligned with the new service offering and are threefold:

- a change to the tariff for LNG truck loading services;

- the introduction of tariffs for the LNG truck loading assistance and LNG truck driver authorisation services; and
- the removal of the 10% discount offered on services booked during annual subscription windows.

3. Minor changes to LNG Access Code for Truck Loading

Following the enthusiasm of the last years for truck loading Services, and in an attempt to decrease congestion, Fluxys LNG introduces the following changes to its Access Code for Truck Loading:

- Assignments must now be requested via the online tool *TruckManager* and are performed automatically. Assignments no longer need to be requested two days before operation;
- Truck loading services can be assigned while retaining the payment obligation towards Fluxys;
- In case of contractual congestion, Fluxys may offer additional slots on a short-term basis. These slots are booked and scheduled at the same time and cannot be rescheduled.

4. Minor changes to LNG Access Code

Fluxys LNG always strives to offer flexible solutions to its customers and therefore introduces the following changes to its Access Code for LNG:

- Daily capacities (send-out and storage) can be booked until the end of month M+1 (i.e. up to 60 days);
- Clarifications on when the tariff of 3% for commercialisation of unused capacity on the secondary market is charged ;
- ABR can be converted into SABR outside of subscription windows as long as capacity is available;
- During an unloading operation, LNG can be unloaded directly into the storage of another shipper.