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Daily physical capacity offer France to Germany

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For the attention of CRE

1 Context

In the current tense energy context due to the drop in Russian supplies, GRTgaz was asked in July by the adjacent German TSOs (OGE and GRTgaz Deutschland) to put in place, as part of a commercial offer, the conditions for a physical flow from France to Germany at Obergailbach as quickly as possible. GRTgaz was also approached by the DGEC on this subject as part of the European solidarity mechanism. It was decided to aim for the physical flow to be in place by the week of October, 10, 2022, subject to the conditions precedent that have yet to be met, in particular

- The success of the physical test scheduled for September 7 in Obergailbach in the presence of the involved TSOs,
- The agreement between GRTgaz, OGE and GRTgaz Deutschland on an amendment to the « Interconnection Agreement Medlesheim », which assumes in particular the acceptance by the German TSOs of the quality of the gas flowing on GRTgaz's system,
- The definition of a commercial offer to provide capacity in the France to Germany direction.

This document deals with the commercial implementation of this project.

2 GRTgaz's proposal

GRTgaz propose to set up a commercial offer of firm daily exit capacity at Obergailbach, which would be offered to the market on the day D for the following day D+1, only on days when GRTgaz's system allows it.

This offer is being developed as a matter of urgency, which involves a number of manual operations and therefore an implementation that could be degraded in certain aspects. Priority is given to the effective completion of the physical flow to help Germany. GRTgaz is therefore favouring simplicity in the development of this offer.

2.1 Level of the capacity offered

The maximum achievable capacity is of the order of 100 GWh/d, and depends on certain network parameters including the level of consumption and the level of withdrawal or injection from the Cerville storage. In particular, in winter period, the capacities offered could be lower and go down to 0 GWh/d.

The level of this capacity will be determined on a daily basis and will be communicated in the same way as the information relating to the other capacities marketed by GRTgaz.

In addition, this capacity may not be offered on certain dates, particularly in the event of :

- An orange or red alert level on the South->North limits of the system ;
- A reversal flow that has taken place less than a week before ;
- Differences in gas quality linked to specifications between countries (or even operators) ;
- Works ;

The operating procedures for this capacity are identical to those for the other firm daily capacities offered by GRTgaz.

2.2 Type of capacity

This new capacity will be of a daily firm nature. The commercialization of the intraday capacity, if all the firm capacity is not sold, will not be possible in the first instance. However, as soon as it is possible, GRTgaz will implement it.

This new capacity will « coexist » with the current backhaul capacity offer, which is almost entirely subscribed over the coming gas year : customers who have subscribed backhaul capacity will have access to this offer under the same conditions as today ; these conditions have been improved since the removal of the technical minimum margin and the reduction in the operating margin in the calculation of available backhaul capacity (change as of August 17).

The backhaul offer remains unchanged in its operation and will not be impacted by the new firm capacity offer. The Obergailbach backhaul capacities not subscribed during the last annual auctions will be marketed in accordance with the CAM network code during the next auctions (quarterly, monthly and daily for the gas year 2022/2023, and annual, quarterly, monthly and daily for the following gas years).

2.3 Commercialization et bundling

The daily firm exit capacity at Obergailbach will be marketed on Prisma at 4 :30 p.m. on D-1 for D, in accordance with the CAM calendar.

GRTgaz plans, in consultation with the German TSOs, to bundle this capacity. If, however, this is not feasible when the offer is implemented, GRTgaz will initially market the capacity unbundled. The market will be informed in advance of the nature of the capacity to be marketed.

2.4 Operational process

The operational offer for shippers (nomination, scheduling, allocation) will correspond to GRTgaz's standard offer on the Interconnection Points.

In the event of works : as the offer is only on a daily basis, as it is the case for other daily firm capacity, GRTgaz does not plan to give shippers advance notice of works affecting the availability of this capacity, since it will not yet be subscribed. In the event of works, the capacity offered may be reduced or even nil.

3 Dealines and next steps

GRTgaz will be able to implement this offer during the week of October 10, subject to approval by CRE.

Quantities will certainly be offered progressively in order to allow the facilities to be ramped up.

The end date of the offer has not yet been determined. A feedback can be made during the winter, in order to see if certain modalities deserve to be adapted.

In view of the market's need, it seems appropriate to study the long term implementation of this offer, by automating the operations in our information system and by making investments in the network, to be evaluated (in particular to allow the automatic reversal of remote flow).

The conclusions of these studies are not yet known.