

REQUEST FOR NON BINDING DEMAND INDICATIONS
under Article 26 of COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017
(“CAM Network Code”)

Introduction

Following the procedure described in art. 26 of the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017 (“CAM Network Code”) and COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/460 of 16 March 2017 (“TAR Network Code”), GRTgaz and adjacent operators conduct a common Demand Assessment for incremental bundled capacity at interconnection points between their market areas.

Interested Parties are invited to address their Non-Binding Demand Indications for incremental bundled capacity at the interconnection points with adjacent market zones (namely BeLux, Net Connect Germany and Switzerland zones) to the TSOs. TSOs will assess the adequacy of the available capacities with market demand and the potential need to develop capacity between these three market areas.

1) Non-Binding Demand Indication submission

Interested Parties are invited to use the template available on the website of GRTgaz and/or of the respective TSO, and return it **by August 26th, 2019**.

In order to assess the demand for incremental bundled capacity, TSOs will share with involved operators all information deemed necessary for a proper coordinated assessment of demand. Confidential information provided by interested shippers are protected under the Confidentiality Agreement (see point 4 hereinafter “Confidentiality Agreement”).

The fulfilled “Non-binding demand indication form for incremental capacity” (“Demand Indication Form”), together with the “Confidentiality Agreement GRTgaz” shall be printed, signed by a duly authorized representative at the Interested Party, and addressed by registered post to the following address:

GRTgaz – Direction Commerciale – Processus Incremental – 6 rue Raoul Nordling – 92270 Bois Colombes – France

2) Type of capacity:

The capacity for which the market participants are asked to provide their request is **bundled, firm capacity, in either direction** between respectively BeLux and France (Virtualys), or NCG and France (Obergaillbach), or Switzerland and France (Oltingue).

Market participants having already booked capacities between the two market areas shall only indicate the need they identify **above** this booked capacity or beyond their duration.

Shall some participants consider specific conditions for their capacity (as described in the article 30.3 of CAM Network Code), they are kindly invited to indicate it in the Demand Indication Form.

Unless the interested party issue explicitly conditions to their Demand Indication Form, capacities requested are deemed to be of the same quality as capacities offered on the PRISMA platform by the TSOs.

The interested party shall fill one Demand Indication Form per Interconnection point (that is one for BeLux / France capacity and/or another one for NCG / France capacity and/or another one for Switzerland / France capacity)

3) Regulation and tariff

Capacities considered in the Demand Indication Form on GRTgaz side are subject to the French regulatory context.

4) Confidentiality Agreement

Interested parties shall complete, sign and send in two original copies the attached Confidentiality Agreement GRTgaz to the TSO.

The Confidentiality Agreement Form(s), duly completed and signed, should be submitted to the TSO alongside the Non-Binding Demand Indication. The participation in this Demand Assessment and access to further information and/or documents to be eventually given to interested parties during the Incremental process is subject to reception in due time of the duly completed and signed Confidentiality Agreement GRTgaz.

5) Indicative timetable

Interested parties are requested to submit their Non-Binding Demand Indication to the TSOs latest **by August 26th, 2019**.

Upon receiving of all Non-Binding Demand Indications, TSOs will jointly analyze the level of interest from the market and publish a Demand Assessment Report per Interconnection Point according to CAM network Code.

This Demand Assessment Report is planned for October 21st, 2019, and will be made available on the websites of the TSOs. Neither the submission of a non-binding demand indication nor a response to such non-binding demand indication by the TSOs shall give rise to any obligation to subsequently carry out any network development project or to purchase new capacity.

Shall the TSOs decide to launch a second and binding phase and proceed in a design phase, they will announce it in the Demand Assessment Report and indicate further phases on their website, in line with the process as described in the CAM Network code and the TAR Network Code, and in relation with the involved National Regulatory Authorities.

6) Point of contact:

All requests for information shall be addressed to: new-capacity@grtgaz.com

7) Disclaimer:

This is a request for non-binding demand indications (“the Request”) to be submitted from shippers to GRTgaz in the framework of the market demand assessment procedure as provided for in article 26 of COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017 (“CAM Network Code”) conducted in coordination with involved TSOs. Interested shippers are invited to address their Non-Binding Demand Indications for capacity to GRTgaz concerning interconnection points with respectively Belgium (ZTP), Germany (NCG) and Switzerland.

GRTgaz in coordination with involved TSOs will assess the adequacy of the available capacities with market demand and the potential need to develop capacity between these three market areas and publish the results of this assessment in a report (“the Report”).

This Request is publicly disclosed to the market for information purposes only and neither the submission of a non-binding demand indication nor a response to such non-binding demand indication by the TSOs shall give rise to any commitment whatsoever such as but not limited to any obligation to subsequently carry out any network development project by TSOs or to purchase new capacity or subscribe any service by shippers.

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phase, they will announce it in the Demand Assessment Report and indicate further phases on their website, in line with the process as described in the CAM Network Code and the TAR Network Code, and in relation with the involved National Regulatory Authorities.

Any and all interested parties/shippers, in their capacity as professional operators, shall be responsible for seeking to obtain the accurate and relevant information needed for their own assessment and decision to respond to the Request.

GRTgaz hereby disclaim all responsibility for changes to the implementation of the coordinated market demand assessment procedure, insofar such changes result from amongst others financial and regulatory constraints defined by the competent regulatory authorities or from any reason beyond GRTgaz control.

The information in this Request is for indicative purposes only and should not be considered to give rise to any contractual relationship between GRTgaz and any involved TSO or interested shipper, other than the Confidentiality Agreement GRTgaz signed by interested shippers.

The Report shall be based solely on the Information and data provided by responses of interested shippers to the Request and shippers acknowledge that the accuracy and completeness of the Report depends on the accuracy and completeness of the abovementioned data and information. GRTgaz shall not make any warrant on the accuracy and completeness of the data and information used to produce the Report in coordination with concerned TSOs.

GRTgaz shall only be liable for direct loss or damage caused by willful act or gross negligence. This shall also apply where and to the extent that acts are carried out on behalf of GRTgaz by their legal representatives or vicarious agents.

By submitting the response to the present Request, shippers acknowledge that they took full notice and accept without reserves the present Disclaimer.