

ERGEG Gas Focus Group/Storage TF

Guidelines for Good Practice for Gas Storage System Operators (GGPSSO)

Questionnaire for SSOs

Introduction

The objective of this questionnaire is to collect information from SSOs to assist in monitoring the implementation of the GGPSSO as requested by the European Commission.

The GGPSSO set out the minimum requirements for the provision of fair and non-discriminatory access to gas storage (in accordance to the Gas Directive¹). Monitoring implementation of the GGPSSO is therefore important in understanding how access to gas storage is being provided.

Not all requirements under the GGPSSO are due to be implemented from 1 April 2005 – however it will be important to understand what progress SSOs are making towards implementing these later requirements.

The deadline for the completion of the questionnaire is 20 June 2005.

If there are late or incomplete submissions after date they will be considered as "nil" returns. SSOs are required to indicate the date from which GGPSSO requirements were met –particularly where this after 1 April 2005.

In order to ensure that all interested parties are consulted, ERGEG will also send out questionnaires to national regulatory authorities and storage users. The view of storage users will be particularly important in assessing implementation of the GGPSSO.

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¹ Directive 2003/55/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and repealing Directive 98/30/EC



ERGEG intends to publish an initial report on the implementation of the GGPSSO in September 2005 and it expects to present these findings at the next Madrid Forum. ERGEG intends to issue a final report on implementation after it has an opportunity to consider responses to its initial report.

To help ensure transparency, responses to the questionnaire and other documents associated with the GGPSSO will be published on the ERGEG website. Any requests to keep information confidential will be considered in accordance with the relevant section of the GGPSSO that deals with the publication of the information. If you want any information to be treated as confidential this should be objectively justified and outlined clearly - taking into account the requirements of the GGPSSO. Any information that is to be treated as confidential should be placed in a separate appendix.

Please note that in order to allow for maximum common understanding of data, the answers provided by SSOs will be reviewed by the national regulatory authority.

Given that ERGEG's initial report will be published in September, we request that SSOs provide an addendum to their original submission if there are significant changes to the information that they provide, between 20 June and the beginning of September (1 September). This will ensure that the report is as up to date as possible and avoid misrepresenting the position of the SSOs.

Any question on this questionnaire should be directed in the first instance to:

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Questionnaire

1	General	
1.1	Business name of respondent: TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURES GAZ FRANCE	•
1.2	Is access to your storage system provided:	
	(a) on a regulated basis	
	(b) on a negotiated basis	\boxtimes
	(c) both (please provide comments below)	
	notes:	
1.3	Is access provided:	
	(a) to a given storage facility	
	(b) to a group of storage facilities in the same balancing zone	\boxtimes
	(c) other (please provide comments below)	
	notes:	
1.4	If access to storage is not provided to individual storage facilities, please provid many groups, how many sites within group) and specify how this is arranged: answer: The assests of TIGF consist of two aquifer storages ("Lussagnet" and "Izau")	ite") linked together
	with one single surface facility. TIGF mixed the technical caracteristics of the two sorder to offer two bundles services ("Dynamique" and "Equilibre" Offers).	storages facilities in
1.5	How many system users own capacity rights (date of reference: 1 April 2005)?	
	answer: 2 users of "Dynamique" Offer, and 2 users of "Equilibre" Offer	
	(Update 1 april 2007) : 3 users of "Dynamique" Offer, and 5 users of "Equilibre" Offer	
1.6	National framework:	
	(a) do you believe that there is a conflict between the requirements of the GGPSSO and national legislation that will materially affect either your interests or your ability to comply with the GGPSSO?	
	(b) if "yes", did you notify your relevant national regulatory authority (GGPSSO Scope and Objective)?	

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2 Roles and responsibilities of Storage System Operators

(a)	a separate entity (i.e. ownership unbundling)	
(b)	a separate entity (i.e. legal unbundling)	
(c)	part of a "combined operator" (i.e. combined transmission, LNG, storage and distribution storage operator, legally unbundled from other activities not relating to transmission, LNG, storage and distribution system operations)	
(d)	part of a vertically integrated company (i.e. unbundling of accounts)	
ln th	e case of a SSO being part of a vertically integrated company:	
(a)	please provide details on the ownership structure. If an ownership diagram is avail attach it to the completed questionnaire.	lable, please
	details:	
(b)	please specify if you have drawn up a document setting out all the terms and conditions relating to storage use by the affiliate company (GGPSSO 1.3).	
Plea	se specify if you (GGPSSO 1.2.b):	
(a)	have developed and use standard storage contracts	\boxtimes
(b)	have developed and use a storage code (approved by national relevant regulatory authority)	
(c)	consulted users in developing the standard storage contracts or the storage code	
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3 **Necessary TPA services**

3.1 Please provide the following data in normalised cubic meters (date of reference: 1 April 2005) (GGPSSO 3.1)

		Space	Injectability	Deliverability
(a)	technical capacity	2.298 MNm3	19,7 MNm3/d	29 MNm3/d
(b)	available capacity	0 r	0	0
(c)	contracted or held capacity	2.298 MNm3	19,7 MNm3/d	29 MNm3/d
(d)	any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons ²			
	notes: Updated datas on 1 April 2006. TIGF publishes the of bundles offered and booked.	ese datas throug	nh publication o	of the number
(e)	any other capacity excluded from TPA – other than the portion used for production operations and facilities reserved exclusively for the TSO			_
	notes:			

3.2 Please indicate if Public Service Obligations (PSO) in your country are placed on (relating to GGPSSO 3.2, 3.5, 3.6-3-15):

(a)	the SSO	
(b)	the shippers	
(c)	no PSO	
(d)	other	
	notes: Shippers must guarantee the continuity of supply even in case of :	
	- extremely low temperature during three days as occurs twice a century	

- cold winter as occurs twice a century
- six month shortage of the main supply source

Shippers can use storage among other ways to fulfill PSO: storage is not mandatory for them.

The TSO have an obligation of dispatch during the climate condition hereunder, and must supply the clients intitled on PSO during five days in case of shipper's failure.

3.3	Capacity for	Public Servi	ce Obligations	(hereafter PSO):
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(a) is storage capacity needed for any PSO offered on a TPA basis? (GGPSSO 3.2)	\boxtimes
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If any capacity needed for any PSO is NOT offered on a TPA basis, please state why: 3.4

(a)	national legislation	\boxtimes
(b)	other	
	notes: According to French legislation, the capacities needed by TSO for its PS are excluded from TPA	O have priority and

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² Storage facility means a facility used for the stocking of natural gas and owned and/or operated by a natural gas undertaking, including the part of LNG facilities used for storage but excluding the portion used for production operations, and excluding facilities reserved exclusively for transmission system operators in carrying out their functions



		Space	Injecta	bility	Deliverab
(a) no	ormalised cubic meters				
Do yοι	offer the following services on the primary market	(GGPSSO 3.3,	3.5, 3.7):	:	
(a) bi	undled services (SBU) of space and injectability/delivera	ability			\boxtimes
` '	service which includes an obligation for the SSO to allo	cate the gas wh	nich has		\boxtimes
(c) in	jection and withdrawal are possible at any time				\boxtimes
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Are the	e following services separately charged (GGPSSO 3	.3., 3.5, 3.7)?			
(a) a	service which includes an obligation for the SSO to allo		nich has		
(b) in	jection and withdrawal are possible at any time				\boxtimes
no	otes: Switching the flow is free of charge up to 18 switch	nes per year.		•	
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	some services have NOT been introduced, please settion for the SSO to allocate according to nominations consistent with the use of the interconnected gas trans			.b, 3.5	i, 3.6, 3.7):
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(a) bilateral contacts with some users				
(b) bilateral contacts with all users and some prospects				\boxtimes
(c) open consultation process, with some sort of public a company website, by press, at a conference)	announcement (e.g.	on		
(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national	regulatory authority			
(e) other (please specify below)				
details on consultation process:				
Please specify the minimum size for each service (GG	PSSO 3.8)			
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4 Storage capacity allocation and congestion management

(a) market-based (e.g. auctions)	
(b) first come first served	
(c) capacity follows the customer	
(d) other (please specify below)	
notes: Prority rights depending on the type of customers	s supplied.
s the capacity allocation mechanism designed:	
(a) by the SSO	
(b) by national legislation	
(c) other (please specify below)	
notes: The allocation mechanism published by TIGF is t	temporary, waiting for a national legisla
Have these mechanisms and procedures been subject to please provide details on how the consultation process we	
(a) bilateral contacts with some users	
(b) bilateral contacts with all users and some prospects	
(c) open consultation process, with some sort of public ann company website, by press, at a conference)	nouncement (e.g. on
(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national au	uthority
(e) other (please specify below)	
notes: TIGF kept informed national regulatory authoritie	es during the process
In case of congestion, what kind of solution do you apply	y or plan to apply (GGPSSO 4.2)
(a) market based (e.g. auctions)	
(b) pro rata	
(c) other (please specify below)	
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(a) by the SSO	
(b) by national legislation	
(c) other (please specify below)	
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(a)	do you offer all unused capacity on an interruptible basis?	
	notes: TIGF offers a service of daily automatic balancing on transportation d'Equilibrage Journalier"). For the storage users using this service, the capacity tused is known after the closure of the day.	
	you use other means to discourage hoarding and facilitate re-utilisation and cative? Please specify the nature of these arrangements	d trade of st
ans	wer:	
	es: To facilitate trade of storage capacity, TIGF publishes name and address of its α roval).	clients (with th
	nfidentiality requirements se indicate if you (GGPSSO 5.1.a-c):	
(a)	keep databases related to storage operations separate	
(b)	develop new IT systems for the storage business separately (when new IT systems are being developed in vertically integrated undertakings)	
(c)	ensure that no information available to the SSO concerning its storage business is passed to any other part of any affiliate of the company in advance of being provided to all market participants	
(d)	have drafted a code of conduct	\boxtimes
(e)	have implemented a compliance programme, supervised by a Compliance Officer	
	ese measures have been monitored or supervised externally, please specify 1.a-c)?	by whom (re
(a)	national regulatory authority	
(b)	another relevant national regulatory authority (please specify)	
(c)	external audit	
(d)	other (please specify below)	
	notes: TIGF is a storage/transport integrated company. Its code of conduct is supernational regulation authority "Commission de Regulation de l'Energie".	ervised by the
Are	the SSO and the supply business located in separate buildings (GGPSSO 5.1.	.d)?



6 Transparency requirements

6.1 Are the following commercial terms published (GGPSSO 6.4.a-d):

		In national language	ln English	On the internet	Free of charge	Not applicable
(a)	if rTPA: tariffs and tariff methodologies for each service offered					
(b)	if nTPA: main commercial conditions including the prices for standard services	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(c)	If nTPA: updates of main commercial conditions including the prices for standard services, whenever the SSO changes them				\boxtimes	
(d)	services offered			\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(e)	storage code					\boxtimes
(f)	main storage standard conditions for each service	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(g)	rights and responsibilities of all users	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
(h)	rules (e.g. periods) for counter flows during injection and withdrawal	\boxtimes		\boxtimes		
(i)	rules of storage capacity transfer in case of customer switching (if any)	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
(j)	storage capacity allocation provisions				\boxtimes	
(k)	congestion management provisions			\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(l)	anti-hoarding provisions			\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(m)	re-utilisation provisions					
(n)	auction terms (where applicable)					\boxtimes
(o)	rules applicable for storage capacity trade on the secondary market vis-à-vis the SSO	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
(p)	rules and charges applicable to storage penalties from storage users	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
(q)	compensation payments from the SSO to storage users	\boxtimes				
(r)	user-friendly instruments for calculating charges for a specific service (e.g. a tariff calculator)					

6.2 Is the following operational information published (GGPSSO 6.5.a-e, 6.6.a-c, 6.9, 6.10):

	In national language	In English	In energy units or ncm	Online information system	Free of charge
(a) technical storage capacity					
(b) available storage capacity			\boxtimes		\boxtimes
(c) contracted or held storage capacity					

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(d)	aggregated inflows and outflows at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week							
(e)	historical utilization rates at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week							
(f)	user-friendly instruments for verifying online the level of available and/or unused storage capacity							
(g)	maps indicating the location of their storage facilities and the connecting points of the storage facilities to the relevant network							
(h)	methods of determining available storage capacity							
(i)	operational parameters, including the rules of ownership and use of working gas							
(j)	TSO's pre-emptive rights with operational rules and processes attached							
(k)	any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons							
(1)	all planned maintenance periods that might affect storage users' rights from storage contracts, at least once a year				\boxtimes			
(m)	the operational information corresponding to planned maintenance periods with adequate advance notice				\boxtimes			
(n)	regular updates on details, expected duration and effect of the maintenance	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
Whe	Where you have not published specific data, please state why (relating to GGPSSO 6.2., 6.3)							
(a)	(a) less than three users (information about the aggregate use of storage)							
(b)	b) three users or more, but still commercial sensitivity of information]		
(c)	c) reasons of cost (or substantial IT development needed)]		
(d)	d) to avoid any potential market abuse]		
(e)	e) to avoid significant harm to storage users commercial interest]		
(f)	f) other (please specify below)]		
notes:								



answ	ver:	
	e unplanned disruptions in access to the storage services occur, do SSO 6.8):	o you ensure
(a) c	current system users are notified of that disruption as soon as possible	
	information concerning the maintenance and disruptions that have occurred is made available upon request to those affected by the disruption	
ls the	re a clause or provision in the storage contract/code providing for compen	sation payment
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9 Implementation of the other GGPSSO requirements

9.1 Necessary TPA Services – please indicate if you:

		As of 1 April 2005	Planned date of introduction	Not applicable
(a)	offer unbundled services supplementing SBUs at least for available storage capacity at the beginning of the storage year (GGPSSO 3.3.b)		2006	
(b)	offer short-term (<1 year) services down to a minimum		2006	
	period of one day (GGPSSO 3.3.c)		(but contracts can already start on any 1 st calendar day of each month).	
(c)	offer both firm and interruptible storage services (GGPSSO 3.3.d)		2006	

9.2 Where not already provided, please provide brief details on steps you plan to take to facilitate their introduction

answer: Point b : transport capacity on storage delivery point can only be booked on a seasonal basis. The season is so the shortest term of storage services.

Point a and c : technical faisability has to be studied.

9.3 Secondary market - please indicate if you:

		As of 1 April 2005	Planned date of introduction	Not applicable
(a)	allow for title transfer for both bundled and unbundled capacities (GGPSSO 9.1)		2006	
(b)	recognise the transfer of rights where notified by storage users for both bundled and unbundled capacities (GGPSSO 9.1)		2006	
(c)	allow the new owner to aggregate such storage capacity operationally (GGPSSO 9.1)		2006	

9.4 Where not already provided, please provide brief details on steps you plan to take to facilitate their introduction

answer: The main constraint here is to adapt the IT system to assure that user's rights are properly calculated every day.

(update March 2006): after consultation of storage users when they signed their contracts (note: there are now 6 shippers using our facilities), priority has been given to development of secondary market, point a, which is planned to be introduced by July 2006.

The commercialisation of unused capacities on a daily basis is planned to be introduced by September.





Appendix

Definitions

Available storage capacity means the part of the technical storage capacity that is not contracted or held by storage users at that moment and still available to the storage users for firm and interruptible services, and is not excluded from TPA under Article 2(9) of the Gas Directive (Definition 1 of the GGPSSO)

Storage capacity is space (expressed in normal cubic meters or energy), injectability and deliverability (expressed in normal cubic meters or energy per time unit). All of them can be firm or interruptible (Definition 17 of the GGPSSO)

Storage facility means a facility used for the stocking of natural gas and owned and/or operated by a natural gas undertaking, including the part of LNG facilities used for storage but excluding the portion used for production operations, and excluding facilities reserved exclusively for transmission system operators in carrying out their functions (Definition 18 of the GGPSSO)

Technical storage capacity is the maximum storage capacity (injectability, deliverability and space) that the SSO can offer to storage users, excluding storage capacity for SSOs operational needs