

Dear Madam/Sir,

we make reference to the the Public Consultation on Gas Transparency Monitoring as well as to letter of GTE to ERGEG in the above-captioned matter and as TSO concerned we would like to make the following additional comments:

General:

OMV Gas GmbH („OGG“) complies with the transparency requirements laid down Regulation 1775/2005 in the best possible way. Examples in this respect (each to be found on www.omv.com) are the publication of historic and future available capacities in our pipelines as well as the making available of the system „Online Capacity Booking“, a „Capacity Bulletin Board“ and tariff calculator for our clients' benefit. Furthermore, OGG fully complies with the transparency requirements of Regulation 1775/2005 and the Austrian Gas Act as regards publication of general terms and conditions, standard contracts and description of tariff methodology.

Specific issues:

- OGG does publish the start and end of **maintenance works** in its system – as well as the extent of a capacity reduction resulting from such works – on its website well in advance. Additionally, all shippers affected by such measures are informed individually. Further information during the works is – in our opinion – not useful for shippers and has not been requested so far. Nevertheless, should such a request for information be directed at us, we will provide the shipper with the requested information immediately.
- OGG does not apply **imbalance charges** which makes it obsolete to publish any information in this respect.
- Currently OGG does not publish any information regarding **technical network connection requirements**. However, OGG is to publish such information by the end of January 2008.
- OGG is going to publish information concerning **physical reverse flow** by the end of January 2008.
- OGG does not publish – and is not planning to do so in the near future – information on maximum available capacity for **transportation services on interruptible basis**, because experience shows that either such information is misinterpreted by shippers – leading them to not making a request – or is of little value to them because seasonal load variances in the pipelines are not sufficiently taken into account. Instead, OGG has published its standard transportation contract on interruptible basis on its website and is adhering to a policy whereby shipper's questions in this respect are answered on an individual basis. The number of interruptible contracts concluded is – in our opinion – a strong indication that this is a customer-friendly and successful approach.

- For the time being OGG does not apply the „**3 minus shipper rule**“. However, a request for an application of said rule for one pipeline has been sent to the relevant Austrian authority (ECK).

We hope this additional information is useful to you in interpreting the answers given in the chart. Furthermore, we remain at your disposal to answer any other questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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