

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.

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

EREG 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. EREG 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 EREG 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 EREG'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:

[insert contact details of NRA]

Questionnaire

1 General

1.1 Business name of respondent: Fluxys

1.2 Is access to your storage system provided:

(a) on a regulated basis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) on a negotiated basis	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) both (please provide comments below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes:	

1.3 Is access provided:

(a) to a given storage facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) to a group of storage facilities in the same balancing zone	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) other (please provide comments below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes:	

if you answer that access is provided to a given storage facility/to a group of storage, please assume that all following answers will be interpreted accordingly

1.4 If access to storage is not provided to individual storage facilities, please provide details (e.g. how many groups, how many sites within group) and specify how this is arranged:

answer:

1.5 How many system users own capacity rights (date of reference: 1 April 2005)?

answer: 3 Shippers + Fluxys TSO

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) if "yes", did you notify your relevant national regulatory authority (GGPSSO Scope and Objective)?	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Roles and responsibilities of Storage System Operators

2.1 Please specify if you are (GGPSSO 1.1):

(a) a separate entity (i.e. ownership unbundling)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) a separate entity (i.e. legal unbundling)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) part of a vertically integrated company (i.e. unbundling of accounts)	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 In the case of a SSO being part of a vertically integrated company:

(a) please provide details on the ownership structure. If an ownership diagram is available, please attach it to the completed questionnaire.	
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3 Please specify if you (GGPSSO 1.2.b):

(a) have developed and use standard storage contracts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) have developed and use a storage code (approved by national relevant regulatory authority)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) consulted users in developing the standard storage contracts or the storage code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.4 Please provide details on how the consultation process for developing standard storage contracts/storage code was conducted (relating to GGPSSO 1.2.b)

(a) bilateral contacts with some users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) bilateral contacts with all users and some prospects	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) open consultation process, with some sort of public announcement (e.g. on company website, by press, at a conference)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national regulatory authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) other (<i>please specify below</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes: standard contract was already existing, storage code has been submitted to the regulator and is currently under review. An open consultation process is foreseen.	

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	655 000 000	250 000	1 000 000
(b) available capacity	0	0	0
(c) contracted or held capacity	635 000 000	250 000	1 000 000
(d) any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons ²	20 000 000	0	0
<p>notes: <i>The injection and emission capacity reserved on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive is sold to the users on an interruptible basis.</i></p> <p><i>The available capacity is zero for the yearly contracts. For the short term contracts, there will be capacity available (on top off), when the yearly subscribers are not using their full subscription.</i></p>			
(e) any other capacity excluded from TPA – other than the portion used for production operations and facilities reserved exclusively for the TSO	0	0	0
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) the shippers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) no PSO	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) other	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>notes: Storage Capacities are in priority being reserved for grid users supplying gas to distribution networks.</p> <p>The Storage Users must maintain a certain level of gas in storage in order to have a supply reserve at the end of the winter. The Storage Operator observes whether this rule is respected.</p>	

3.3 Capacity for Public Service Obligations (hereafter PSO):

(a) is storage capacity needed for any PSO offered on a TPA basis? (GGPSSO 3.2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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3.4 If any capacity needed for any PSO is NOT offered on a TPA basis, please state why:

(a) national legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) other	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes:	

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

3.5 Please provide the following data in normalised cubic meters for PSO, where NOT offered on a TPA basis (date of reference: 1 April 2005)

	<i>Space</i>	<i>Injectability</i>	<i>Deliverability</i>
(a) normalised cubic meters	0	0	0

3.6 Do you offer the following services on the primary market (GGPSSO 3.3, 3.5, 3.7):

(a) bundled services (SBU) of space and injectability/deliverability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) a service which includes an obligation for the SSO to allocate the gas which has been nominated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) injection and withdrawal are possible at any time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
notes: point C : depending on aggregated nominations situation and season; A lead time of 12 hours due to technical limitation is necessary for changing the physical flow injection <-> withdrawal	

3.7 Are the following services separately charged (GGPSSO 3.3., 3.5, 3.7)?

(a) a service which includes an obligation for the SSO to allocate the gas which has been nominated	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) injection and withdrawal are possible at any time	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes:	

3.8 Where some services have NOT been introduced, please state why (GGPSSO 3.4.b, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7):

Obligation for the SSO to allocate according to nominations	
(a) consistent with the use of the interconnected gas transmission system	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) not compatible with the balancing regime of the interconnected gas transportation system	<input type="checkbox"/>
Injection and withdrawal possible at any time	
(c) storage technical constraints	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) economically use of the storage infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) consistent with the use of the interconnected gas transmission system	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) not consistent with PSOs	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.9 If any of these services (please specify) has not been introduced for any other reason, please explain why

explanation:

3.10 Where there are limitations on the offer of services on the ground of either storage technical constraints or the economically efficient use of the storage infrastructure:

(a) was it made public and substantiated (GGPSSO 3.4.b)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
reasons for limitations:	

3.11 Please indicate if services offered have been developed with consultation of storage users to take into account market demand. If “yes”, please provide details on how the consultation process was conducted (GGPSSO 3.4.a)

(a) bilateral contacts with some users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) bilateral contacts with all users and some prospects	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) open consultation process, with some sort of public announcement (e.g. on company website, by press, at a conference)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national regulatory authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
details on consultation process: organised by CREG on 22 June 2005	

3.12 Please specify the minimum size for each service (GGPSSO 3.8)

	Space	Injectability	Deliverability
(a) bundled services (SBU) of space and injectability/deliverability	2 320 m3(n)	0.8 m3(n)/h	1.6 m3(n)/h
(b) injection and withdrawal are possible at any time		0.8 m3(n)/h	1.6 m3(n)/h

3.13 Are storage users allowed to pool their nominations with a view to overcome potential capacity thresholds (GGPSSO 3.8)?

answer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
notes: The Operator controls flow based on aggregated nominations situation, not per user. Even if the aggregated flow does not overcome the capacity threshold, an OBA which is agreed with Transport Grid Operator, is used to accept nomination and aggregate flows in time.	

3.14 Please specify the maximum duration for each service offered by your SSO (GGPSSO 3.3.c)

(a) bundled services (SBU) of space and injectability/deliverability	one year
(b) other services	one week
notes: From 2007, also daily services will be available.	

3.15 Please specify if you have developed information systems and electronic communications to provide adequate data to storage users and to simplify transactions such as:

	Email	Internet	Other
(a) nominations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) capacity bookings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) transfers of capacity rights between storage users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Storage capacity allocation and congestion management

4.1 What kind of capacity allocation mechanism do you apply (several answers possible, if mechanism applied different, depending on the storage facility/group of storage facilities)? (GGPSSO 4.1)

(a) market-based (e.g. auctions)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) first come first served	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) capacity follows the customer	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

notes: Yearly Storage capacity is allocated in different rounds. In the first round, it is allocated pro rata the extend to which a potential storage user is a supplier of the public distribution networks. In the second rounds capacity is allocated pro rata the extend to which is potential storage user is a supplier of Belgian customers. In the third round capacity is allocated following the principle first committed first served.

Weekly storage capacity is allocated following the principle first committed, first served.

4.2 Is the capacity allocation mechanism designed:

(a) by the SSO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) by national legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

notes: SSO developed mechanism based on Gas Act basic principles, designed by the Operator and approved by the Regulator

4.3 Have these mechanisms and procedures been subject to consultation with storage users. If “yes”, please provide details on how the consultation process was conducted (GGPSSO 4.1.e)

(a) bilateral contacts with some users	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) bilateral contacts with all users and some prospects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) open consultation process, with some sort of public announcement (e.g. on company website, by press, at a conference)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

notes:

4.4 In case of congestion, what kind of solution do you apply or plan to apply (GGPSSO 4.2)

(a) market based (e.g. auctions)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) pro rata	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

notes: only 2 storages in Belgium, always in contractual congestion. Following this situation, the current capacity allocation rules have been developped. Should a user have any objection to this, then he can raise appeal to the Regulator.

4.5 Is the congestion management mechanism designed:

(a) by the SSO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) by national legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

notes: mechanism designed by SSO, based on basic principles of the Gas Act and approved by the regulator

4.6 The congestion management mechanism:

(a) has it ever been used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
notes: capacity allocation rule is designed for this congestion situation	

4.7 Unused capacity (e.g. day-ahead release of non-nominated injectability and deliverability) (GGPSSO 4.4):

(a) do you offer all unused capacity on an interruptible basis?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
notes: Unused capacity can be sold on the secondary market. If this does not happen, the Operator sells non-nominated capacity on the short term market from October 2006.	

4.8 Do you use other means to discourage hoarding and facilitate re-utilisation and trade of storage capacity? Please specify the nature of these arrangements

answer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
notes: The storage code which is under approval and based on the Gas Act, foresees the obligation of storage user to offer the firm capacity they are not using on the secondary market. Capacity usage register have been implemented by the Operator to allow the Regulator to supervise this system. If after this, there is still capacity that is not used, it is sold on the short term market by the Operator.	

5 Confidentiality requirements

5.1 Please indicate if you (GGPSSO 5.1.a-c):

(a) keep databases related to storage operations separate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) develop new IT systems for the storage business separately (when new IT systems are being developed in vertically integrated undertakings)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) have drafted a code of conduct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) have implemented a compliance programme, supervised by a Compliance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5.2 If these measures have been monitored or supervised externally, please specify by whom (relating to 5.1.a-c)?

(a) national regulatory authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) another relevant national regulatory authority (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) external audit	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes: CREG	

5.3 Are the SSO and the supply business located in separate buildings (GGPSSO 5.1.d)?

answer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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6 Transparency requirements

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

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

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

	<i>In national language</i>	<i>In English</i>	<i>In energy units or ncm</i>	<i>Online information system</i>	<i>Free of charge</i>
(a) technical storage capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) available storage capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) contracted or held storage capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(d) aggregated inflows and outflows at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) historical utilization rates at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) user-friendly instruments for verifying online the level of available and/or unused storage capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(g) maps indicating the location of their storage facilities and the connecting points of the storage facilities to the relevant network	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) methods of determining available storage capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) operational parameters, including the rules of ownership and use of working gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) TSO's pre-emptive rights with operational rules and processes attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(k) any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) all planned maintenance periods that might affect storage users' rights from storage contracts, at least once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(m) the operational information corresponding to planned maintenance periods with adequate advance notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(n) regular updates on details, expected duration and effect of the maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6.3 Where you have not published specific data, please state why (relating to GGPSSO 6.2., 6.3)

(a) less than three users (information about the aggregate use of storage)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) three users or more, but still commercial sensitivity of information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) reasons of cost (or substantial IT development needed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) to avoid any potential market abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) to avoid significant harm to storage users commercial interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
notes: Some information/rules are part of the storage code which is in the process of approval by the Regulator. Once this code is approved, all operational rules will be published through the code on the website of the Operator in the national language and in English.	

- 6.4 If you have not published information as required by the GGPSSO about the aggregate use of storage, on the ground that such publication would harm the commercial interest of user(s), are any alternative data published (e.g. aggregate inflows and outflows on a monthly –or any other frequency- basis, non-numerical data)? Please specify and justify why this is the case (relating to GGPSSO 6.3)

answer: No alternative data is being published for the moment. This issue is under study for the moment.

- 6.5 Where unplanned disruptions in access to the storage services occur, do you ensure that (GGPSSO 6.8):

(a) current system users are notified of that disruption as soon as possible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) information concerning the maintenance and disruptions that have occurred is made available upon request to those affected by the disruption	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 Storage penalties

- 7.1 Is there a clause or provision in the storage contract/code providing for compensation payments to the storage users in the event you fail to fulfil contractual obligations (GGPSSO 8.1.a)?

answer: regulated storage tariff for 2006 contains no penalties system

8 Secondary markets

- 8.1 Are registered users allowed to trade in the secondary market (GGPSSO 9.1)

(a) bundled services only	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) both bundled and unbundled services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 8.2 Have you developed and used standardised contracts and procedures on the primary market to facilitate secondary trade of storage capacity (GGPSSO 9.1)?

answer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 8.3 Is there a clause in the storage code/contract referring to or addressing secondary storage capacity trading explicitly (relating to GGPSSO 9.1)?

answer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 8.4 Do you provide an electronic platform or bulletin board to facilitate secondary storage capacity trading (GGPSSO 9.2, 9.3)

answer:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- 8.5 Have you taken any other steps to facilitate secondary storage capacity trading (GGPSSO 9.1)? Please specify how

answer: Bundled and unbundled services are contractually allowed to be transferred. An electronic platform is under development to facilitate the secondary market. Implementation is foreseen for 2007.

9 Implementation of the other GGPSSO requirements

9.1 Necessary TPA Services – please indicate if you:

	<i>As of 1 April 2005</i>	<i>Planned date of introduction</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
(a) offer unbundled services supplementing SBUs at least for available storage capacity at the beginning of the storage year (GGPSSO 3.3.b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2006	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) offer short-term (<1 year) services down to a minimum period of one day (GGPSSO 3.3.c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2006 weekly 2007 daily	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) offer both firm and interruptible storage services (GGPSSO 3.3.d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

answer:

9.3 Secondary market – please indicate if you:

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

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

answer:

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