

Further to your questionnaire for Storage System Operator we would like to inform you that the Polish Oil and Gas Company (POGC) has sent the following description of storage system, unfortunately not under questionnaire regime:

Key points

1.

The main player in the natural gas sector is the Polish Oil and Gas Company (POGC), which is vertically integrated monopoly for the import, transmission, storage and distribution of natural gas, wholly owned by State.

2.

The Storage System Operator has not been excluded from the POGC structure as separated legal entity yet. Until now the POGC wouldn't offer separate storage services for individual users. The storage services are currently provided only for internal use of the POGC and specific activities of the TSO.

3.

The POGC has not prepared the standard agreement for storage services yet. Neither the discussion with potential customers nor the negotiations with regulatory office has been held. The POGC does not disseminate any information regarding current status of storage facilities (space, injectability, deliverability).

4.

Information about the storage performance are gathered by the Exploitation Management, which is responsible for monitoring the natural gas exploration process only within the POGC, so they didn't prepare any tariffication for external storage services. Storage charges are included in the general gas transmission tariffs approved by the regulation office.

5.

The POGC is not providing a separate database for storage management purposes. Restricted information regarding storage activity is a subject to regulation of law and internal procedures approved by the POGC's Board of Directors.

6.

In the nearest future the POGC is going to prepare: a draft of the storage code and a description of storage services on liberalised market in order to:

- implement the transmission code (where the rules regarding co-operation between users of storage and transmission systems are to be determined),
- introduction of the new legal regulation of gas market,
- introduction of the new tariffication system,
- setting up of the new IT platform for gas market purposes.