

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 fo
	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.

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Questionnaire

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Ro	les and responsibilities of Storage System Operators				
Plea	ase specify if you are (GGPSSO 1.1):				
(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)	⊠			
In th	ne case of a SSO being part of a vertically integrated company:				
(a)	please provide details on the ownership structure. If an ownership diagram is ava attach it to the completed questionnaire.	ilable, please			
	details: RWE Energy AG is in 100% ownership of RWE AG; KST: 70% RWE,	30 % Mitgas			
(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	ase specify if you (GGPSSO 1.2.b):				
(a)	have developed and use standard storage contracts	×			
(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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Injectability Deliverability

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

	technical capacity	975 Mio. m³	574,5 T	m³/h	1.550 T m³/h
(b)	available capacity	less than 5%	less th		less than 5%
(c)	contracted or held capacity	confidential	confide	ntial	confidential
(d)	any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons ²		-		
	notes: c) confidential according to GGPSSO 6.2				
(e)	any other capacity excluded from TPA – other than the portion used for production operations and facilities reserved exclusively for the TSO				
	notes:				
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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	Injectability	Deliverability
	(a) normalised cubic meters		T	T
	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/deliveral			X
	(b) a service which includes an obligation for the SSO to alloc been nominated	ate the gas w	hich has	×
	(c) injection and withdrawal are possible at any time			×
	notes:			
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	(b) injection and withdrawal are possible at any time			
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	Where some services have NOT been introduced, please st	ate why (GGI	PSSO 3.4.b. 3.	5, 3,6, 3,7):
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	(a) consistent with the use of the interconnected gas trans	mission syste	m	
	(b) not compatible with the balancing regime of the interco transportation system	nnected gas		
	Injection and withdrawal possible at any time		•	
	(c) storage technical constraints			
	(d) economically use of the storage infrastructure			
	(e) consistent with the use of the interconnected gas trans	mission syste	m	
	(f) not consistent with PSOs			
	f any of these services (please specify) has not been in explain why explanation:	ntroduced fo	r any other re	eason, please
	Where there are limitations on the offer of services on constraints or the economically efficient use of the storage	the ground infrastructur	of either stor e:	age technical
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	(a) was it made public and substantiated (GGPSSO 3.4.b)?			



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(a) by the SSO	⊠
(b) by national legislation	
(c) other (please specify below)	
notes:	
Have these mechanisms and procedures been subject to consultation with stora please provide details on how the consultation process was conducted (GGPSSC	
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(d) consultation process supervised by relevant national authority	
(e) other (please specify below)	
notes:	
In case of congestion, what kind of solution do you apply or plan to apply (GGPS	SO 4.2)
(a) market based (e.g. auctions)	
(b) pro rata	
(c) other (please specify below)	×
notes: type of requested contracts.	
Is the congestion management mechanism designed:	
(a) by the SSO	×
(b) by national legislation	
(c) other (please specify below)	
notes:	
The congestion management mechanism:	
(a) has it ever been used?	
notes:	
Unused capacity (e.g. day-ahead release of non-nominated injectability a (GGPSSO 4.4):	and deliverability)
(a) do you offer all unused capacity on an interruptible basis?	Ø
notes:	
Do you use other means to discourage hoarding and facilitate re-utilisation and capacity? Please specify the nature of these arrangements	d trade of storage
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5 Confidentiality requirements

5.1 Please 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	×
(e)	have implemented a compliance programme, supervised by a Compliance Officer	Ø

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

(a)	national regulatory authority	
(b)	another relevant national regulatory authority (please specify)	
(c)	external audit	
(d)	other (please specify below)	Ø
	notes: KPMG audit for the non discriminatory TPA to storages (Marathon commitments)	nent) by 2005.

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6 Transparency requirements

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

		In national language	In 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	×	×	×	⊠	
(c)	If nTPA: updates of main commercial conditions including the prices for standard services, whenever the SSO changes them	×	⊠	×	⊠	
(d)	services offered	×	×	⊠	×	
(e)	storage code					⊠
(f)	main storage standard conditions for each service	×	×	×	×	
(g)	rights and responsibilities of all users	×	×	×	×	
(h)	rules (e.g. periods) for counter flows during injection and withdrawal	Ø	×	⊠	⋈	
(i)	rules of storage capacity transfer in case of customer switching (if any)	⊠	×	×	×	
(j)	storage capacity allocation provisions	⊠	⊠	×	×	
(k)	congestion management provisions	×	\boxtimes	⊠	×	
(I)	anti-hoarding provisions	×	⊠	×	⋈	
(m)	re-utilisation provisions	×	×	⊠	Ø	
(n)	auction terms (where applicable)					×
(o)	rules applicable for storage capacity trade on the secondary market vis-à-vis the SSO	⊠	⊠	⊠	Ø	
(p)	rules and charges applicable to storage penalties from storage users	⊠		⊠	Ø	
(q)	compensation payments from the SSO to storage users	⊠		⊠	Ø	
(r)	user-friendly instruments for calculating charges for a specific service (e.g. a tariff calculator)	⊠	⊠	Ø	⊠	

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) t	echnical storage capacity	×	×	×	×	×
(b) a	available storage capacity	×	×		⋈	Ø
(c) c	contracted or held storage capacity					

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(1)	notes:						
(e) (f)	to avoid significant harm to storage users cother (please specify below)	ommercial ir	nterest		<u> </u>		
` '	to avoid any potential market abuse				<u> </u>		
<u> </u>	reasons of cost (or substantial IT developm	ent needed)			<u> </u>		
· ·	three users or more, but still commercial se	_ - _					
· -	less than three users (Information about the			age)	12		
	ere you have not published specific data,	<u> </u>					
	duration and effect of the maintenance						
(n)	regular updates on details, expected duration and effect of the maintenance						
(m)	the operational information corresponding to planned maintenance periods with adequate advance notice						
(I) ()	might affect storage users' rights from storage contracts, at least once a year						
	any storage capacity not available to TPA on the grounds of article 2(9) of the Gas Directive, with substantiated reasons		□				
0)	rules and processes attached						
(i)	operational parameters, including the rules of ownership and use of working gas	⊠	⊠		Ø	⊠	
(h)	methods of determining available storage capacity	⊠	⋈		Ø	⊠	
(g)	maps indicating the location of their storage facilities and the connecting points of the storage facilities to the relevant network	⊠	⊠		☒	×	
(f)	user-friendly instruments for verifying online the level of available and/or unused storage capacity	⊠	×		⊠	×	
(e)	historical utilization rates at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week						
	aggregated inflows and outflows at least on a weekly basis for the immediately preceding week						



If you have not published information as required by the GGPSSO about the storage, on the ground that such publication would harm the commercial interany alternative data published (e.g. aggregate inflows and outflows on a mon frequency- basis, non-numerical data)? Please specify and justify why this is the GGPSSO 6.3)	rest of user(s), are thly –or any other	
answer:		
Where unplanned disruptions in access to the storage services occur, do (GGPSSO 6.8):	you ensure that	
(a) current system users are notified of that disruption as soon as possible	⊠	
(b) information concerning the maintenance and disruptions that have occurred is made available upon request to those affected by the disruption	Ø	
Storage penalties		
Is there a clause or provision in the storage contract/code providing for compensate storage users in the event you fail to fulfil contractual obligations (GGPSSO 8		
answer: Yes.		
Secondary markets Are registered users allowed to trade in the secondary market (GGPSSO 9.1)		
(a) bundled services only		
(b) both bundled and unbundled services	⊠ ⊠	
Have you developed and used standardised contracts and procedures on the facilitate secondary trade of storage capacity (GGPSSO 9.1)?	primary market to	
answer:	⊠	
Is there a clause in the storage code/contract referring to or addressing a capacity trading explicitly (relating to GGPSSO 9.1)?	secondary storage	
answer:		
	v storage capacity	
Do you provide an electronic platform or bulletin board to facilitate secondary trading (GGPSSO 9.2, 9.3)	y storage capacity	
	Storage capacity ☑	
trading (GGPSSO 9.2, 9.3)	⊠	



9	Implementation	of the other	GGPSSO r	equirements
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		Planned	
	As of 1 April 2005	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) 	⊠		
(b) offer short-term (<1 year) services down to a minimum period of one day (GGPSSO 3.3.c)	⊠		
(c) offer both firm and interruptible storage services (GGPSSO 3.3.d)	⊠		
Where not already provided, please provide brief details on a ntroduction	teps you pla	n to take to fa	cilitate their
answer:			_
econdary 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)	Ø		
 recognise the transfer of rights where notified by storage users for both bundled and unbundled capacities (GGPSSO 9.1) 	×		
(c) allow the new owner to aggregate such storage capacity operationally (GGPSSO 9.1)	Ø		
Where not already provided, please provide brief details on satroduction	teps you plan	n to take to fa	cilitate their



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

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