



EREGEG PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON GUIDELINES FOR GOOD THIRD PARTY ACCESS PRACTICE FOR STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS (GGPSSO)

The attached documents published by ERGEG on 7 October set out the views of the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) on an appropriate set of guidelines (including a supporting document) on Good Third Party Access Practice for Storage System Operators (GGPSSO). These are crucial to achieving non-discriminatory third party access to storage facilities and services as required by the second Gas Directive (2003/55/EC).

An initial draft of the guidelines was presented to the Madrid Forum in July 2004. In producing this version for consultation, ERGEG has taken account of comments it has received to the July version and of views expressed to it at meetings with industry participants.

EREGEG intends to continue its work with a view to achieving a common position that can underpin a voluntary agreement for implementation in all Member States.

EREGEG expects that such a position should be achieved in time for consultation at the December Madrid Forum.

EREGEG would welcome comments on these proposed "Guidelines for Good TPA Practice for Storage System Operators (GGPSSO)" and the attached "Position Paper on TPA to Storage" from storage operators, storage users and any other interested parties.

These should be received by **12 November 2004** and should be sent to:

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In the aim of transparency, ERGEG will publish all responses by placing them on its website - unless they are marked as confidential.