

Gas Storage National Report - Sweden

As stated in the National Report 2005, there is at present only one storage facility in Sweden. It was primarily intended as a demonstration facility. The new Natural Gas Act (2005:403) entered into force on 1 July 2005 and thus implied the opening of the storage to the market. Because of the limited gas market in Sweden, the storage has not yet opened up effectively, but is intended for commercial use from 1 May 2006.

The Energy Markets Inspectorate within the Energy Agency is the supervisory authority of the natural gas market according to the Natural Gas Act and Natural Gas Ordinance (2000:673). As regards gas storage this means both storage facilities and line-pack. The Natural Gas Act contains provisions by which the Energy Markets Inspectorate could be authorized by the Government to issue secondary legislation on accounting and the publication of storage tariffs. However, to this date no such authorization has been issued.

According to the Natural Gas Act a legal person may not operate both trading company or be the holder of natural gas storage. The holder of natural gas stores shall have separate accounts from other network activity. The Natural Gas Act also states that a storage facility or a network owner with line-pack capacity is obliged to store gas for others. This obligation must not be exercised if there is no capacity available. Tariffs for storage of natural gas must be reasonable, objective and non-discriminatory, and the tariffs must be made public.