

ENTRY AND REDELIVERY POINTS PRESSURE

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Pressure is a parameter of fundamental importance for gas transmission. The Transmission System Operator relies on specific values of pressure at Entry Points.

The Shipper must guarantee these pressure levels at Entry Points in order to enable the Transmission System Operator to ensure in turn the transmission of gas quantities booked by Shippers to the relevant Redelivery Points, in line with the contractual terms and conditions described below.

12.1.1 Pressure at Entry Points for Transmission System Operator

Shippers must deliver or have the gas delivered at the minimum contractual pressure value.

The Transmission System Operator may require Shippers to provide a minimum pressure value at the Entry Point up to a value equal to the maximum operating pressure (or CPI pressure).

This contractual value is published on a yearly basis on the Transmission System Operator's web site for each tranche of gas pipeline.

In particular, for Entry Points interconnected with RN pipelines near the regassification terminal, the aforementioned required operational pressure is equal to the operating pressure of the interconnected gas pipeline.

Operationally, the Transmission System Operator – depending on volumes and related pipeline configuration - may accept the gas at a lower pressure than the minimum contractual pressure value, without advance notification and without prejudice to its right to request the pressure to be brought back to a value not lower than the minimum one.

12.1.2 Pressure at Redelivery Points on RR

At each Redelivery Point on RR, the pressure shall be never higher than the maximum operating pressure of the pipeline immediately upstream the one where the Redelivery Point on RR is located.

Minimum lower threshold pressure levels the Transmission System Operator has committed not to exceed:

(rel. bar values)

1^a type	2^a type	3^a type	4^a type	5^a type	6^a type
12	6	4	2	0.1	0.05

In general terms, the Transmission Network operates at pressure values that are higher than the minimum operating pressure required to guarantee redelivery.

The Transmission System Operator publishes on its website the minimum pressure values for each Redelivery Point on RR guaranteed by the minimum pressure values at Entry Points as defined in the previous paragraph, together with the document set out at Paragraph 5.9.2 of the Chapter "Transmission Capacity Booking".

If the Shipper submits a written request to change the minimum contractual pressure in order to guarantee redelivery, the Transmission System Operator is obliged to send a reasoned reply within 20 working days from receipt of such request, detailing:

- a) the request's receipt date;
- b) the Applicant's company name;
- c) the contact details of the Transmission System Operator's employee charged with providing further information;
- d) the current value of the minimum contractual operating pressure;
- e) the value of the minimum contractual pressure requested by the Shipper;
- f) the description of the analysis carried out by the Transmission System Operator in order to assess the Shipper's request;
- g) in case of acceptance, the date proposed for implementing the action requested by the Shipper;
- h) in case of rejection, the reasons and the relevant documentation supporting this course of action.