

OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

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15.1 PREMISE

Article (8) of the Legislative Decree sets out that Transmission and Dispatching Companies and other sector companies should coordinate their activities in order to "guarantee a safe and efficient process, as well as the coordinated development and interoperability of interconnected systems".

This Chapter describes the coordination procedure between the Transmission System Operator and the Regasification Company upstream the transmission network of the Leading and the Storage Company Transmission Network. This information flow, which entails a daily and monthly two-way data exchange, aims at coordinating and optimising mutual activities (in particular, the planning of maintenance operations).

The main interrelations between the aforementioned operators are detailed in Attachment 15A "Interrelations between operators".

By signing the Network Code, Shippers delegate the task of establishing the appropriate operational contacts with interconnected operators to the Transmission System Operator, to the extent that this is needed to perform the aforementioned activities.

15.2 COORDINATION WITH THE REGASIFICATION COMPANY UPSTREAM THE TRANSMISSION NETWORK

The Transmission System Operator and the Regasification Company upstream the transmission network, define jointly, as far as possible, the maintenance operations schedule for their respective infrastructure in order to minimise service disruptions for Shippers.

Moreover, the Transmission System Operator and the Regasification Company upstream the transmission network jointly define the operating conditions for their relevant systems interface, in compliance with Shipper daily bookings.

Furthermore, to define the Transmission Network balance, the Regasification Company that manages the Terminal notifies the Transmission System Operator on a monthly basis of:

- final monthly values of PCS related to the gas that has flown through the Terminal Entry Point on the RN;

- actual gas positions, expressed in Sm³, which have flown through the Terminal Entry Point on the RN.

15.3 COORDINATION WITH THE LEADING COMPANY

The information exchange between the Transmission System Operator and the Leading Company mainly impacts the following activities:

- a) Interconnection operating conditions
- b) Capacity booking
- c) Maintenance schedule
- d) Provisional daily balancing
- e) Actual monthly balancing
- f) Booking assignment and re-assignment cycle

15.3.1 Operational conditions at interconnections

The Leading Company and the Transmission System Operator jointly define the conditions that allow efficient operation at the interconnection points between their Transmission Networks, in compliance with Shippers' bookings.

15.3.2 Capacity booking

The Transmission System Operator and the Leading Company jointly define capacities at the RN Entry Points in order to prepare the information that the Shipper requires for the capacity booking cycle.

15.3.3 Maintenance operations schedule

The Leading Company and the Transmission System Operator exchange information about maintenance operations on pipeline tranches that are close to interconnection points between their respective networks in order to minimize service disruptions and coordinate any maintenance operations requiring the joint presence of the two Transmission System Operators.

15.3.4 Provisional daily balancing

In order to provide the Leading Company with the daily provisional balance of the Transmission Network, the Transmission System Operator supplies the Leading Company with relevant information (i.e. gas flow at Re-Delivery points on the RN or provisional values at Entry Points, measured at such Entry Points) in a timely and accurate fashion.

15.3.5 Actual monthly balancing

In order to provide the Leading Company with the monthly actual balance for the Transmission Network, the Transmission System Operator supplies the Leading Company with:

- the final monthly values of PCS related to the gas that has flown through the Leading Company's Delivery Point;
- the actual gas positions, expressed in Sm³, which have flown through the Leading Company Redelivery Point on the RN;
- line-pack variations of the Transmission Network.

15.3.6 BOOKING, ASSIGNMENT AND RE-ASSIGNMENT cycle

The Transmission System Operator needs to know the monthly, weekly and daily maintenance planning for the Natural gas that is input to the network (bookings at RN entry points). The Two Transmission System Operators exchange information in line with agreements that are updated on an ongoing basis.

15.4 COORDINATION WITH THE STORAGE COMPANY

Storage is an important physical balancing tool for the Transmission System Operator. As matter of fact, the Transmission System Operator books storage capacity on an annual basis in order to optimise the system's technical management, react to any emergency events and perform standard daily and hourly balancing.

To this end, the Transmission System Operator is entitled to modify storage planning for the purpose of system balancing and optimisation.