

energy - draft laws published in June 2017

Draft Order amending and supplementing the Order of NRAE President no. 116/2013 on the approval of the Regulation on the setting of the method of collecting the contribution for high efficiency cogeneration and the payment of the bonus for electricity produced in high efficiency cogeneration was published on the website of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy on 8 June 2017.

The draft order mainly proposes the following amendments / additions to the Regulation:

- export exemption from the contribution for high efficiency cogeneration;
- issuing by the Aid Scheme Administrator, on the basis of the decision issued by NRAE to approve the amount of overcompensation, a decision in accordance with the State aid legislation, which it sends to the producer for which overcompensation has been found;
- the mandatory nature of the NRAE decisions for producers regarding the amount of overcompensation and / or the undue bonus;
- the recovery by including in the cogeneration contribution the cogeneration contribution left unpaid by electricity suppliers to Romanian consumers;
- the inclusion in the cogeneration contribution of the overcompensation and / or the undue bonus left over by the electricity and heat producers in cogeneration accessing the support scheme and for which all legal steps have been taken.

The project can be viewed at:

<http://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=fqyBiQ%3D%3D&t=wOutwdHbn8%2BcmLPfvrrV5ps%3D>

The draft Order on the approval of the average tariff for the transport service, the components of the transmission tariff for the feed-in of the electric power into the grid (TG) and the extraction of the electricity from the network (TL), the tariff for the system service and the price Regulated for the reactive electric power, practiced by the National Power Grid Company "Transelectrica" - SA was published on the website of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy on 8 June 2017.

According to the methodological provisions, the prices for the transmission system service shall be reviewed annually.

NRAE reviewed the proposals for regulated prices and prices submitted by the National Power Grid Company "Transelectrica" - SA, as transmission system operator (TSO) and the justified costs of providing transport and system services, determined annual corrections and establishes and submits for approval the following regulated prices and prices for the price year 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018:

- the average price for electricity transmission service - 16.86 lei / MWh (decrease by 9.8% in nominal terms compared to the current price) having the following unique components for all network areas of NES:
 - (i) feed in component - 1.05 lei / MWh, which leads to a decrease SC to areas it had COMPONENT Q between 13% and 33% S increases and a third AND 1.05 RON / MWh for zones and the zone in which the rate was zero;
 - (ii) feed out component - 15.73 lei / MWh, which leads to a decrease CONTENTS SC Q and between 2% and 17% for consumer areas, with the exception of the Oltenia area where it will record an increase its third AND 3.4% below its price in force.
- the price for the system service - 10.52 lei / MWh (decrease by 18.3%), of which 9.39 lei / MWh for STS (decrease by 18.9%) and 1.13 lei / MWh for SFS Decrease by 13.1%).
- regulated price for reactive power - 0,05 lei / kVArh, determined according to the methodological provisions mentioned in point 1 on the basis of the estimated average price of active electric power to cover the own technological consumption (CPT) in the electricity transmission grid (ETG) 178.28 lei / MWh, approved for the price year 1 July 2016-30 June 2017.

The Authority considers that the overall impact of the new prices proposed for approval (including the new single national components TG and TL) from 1 July 2017 will be to reduce electricity prices to end customers by approx. 1%, while at the same time ensuring full recovery of the justified costs of the TSO with the provision of the two services.

The draft can be viewed at:

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The draft Order on the approval of the Balancing Adjustment and Settlement Regulation was published on the website of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy on 30 June 2017.

The Draft Order was based on the set of regulations under public debate in July 2016, with the aim of:

- consolidating in one document the changes made to the basic document (the Trade Code for the Electricity Market), with the elimination of provisions whose applicability was limited and taking into account the changes in the structure of the sector that have occurred in the meantime, and also the ancillary regulations, referenced in the document;

- making minimum changes to meet the stringent demands of the participants and at the same time not contradicting the trends arising from the consultation of European regulations, even if they are still at the proposal stage;
- changing the configuration of the wholesale market regulation system, namely the approval of individual documents for each domain, replacing the single document called the Trade Code of the Wholesale Electricity Market.

The draft can be viewed at:

<http://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=fq18hg%3D%3D&t=wOutwdHbn8%2BcmLPfvrrV5ps%3D>

Draft Rules and Procedures on the Transaction on the Centralized Gas Market Administrated by SOCIETATEA BURSA ROMÂNĂ DE MĂRFURI (ROMANIAN COMMODITIES EXCHANGE) S.A.

were published on the website of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy on 19 June 2017.

Through its amendments, RCE wants to introduce standardized assets that meet market requirements and increase the liquidity of the wholesale market it manages as the operator of the centralized natural gas market.

A novelty change consists in the introduction of Central Counterparty services for transactions made on the electronic platform of the RCE (Clearing House). The central counterparty has the role of ensuring the smooth running of the settlement process between customers by interposing them, as well as by the collateral system applied to participants in the centralized market. The Clearing House thus becomes a buyer for the client who sells and the seller for the buyer.

The drafts can be viewed at:

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<http://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=fqyDhO%3D%3D&t=wOutwdHbn8%2BcmLPfvrrV5ps%3D>

<http://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=fqyDgw%3D%3D&t=wOutwdHbn8%2BcmLPfvrrV5ps%3D>

Proposals of S.N.T.G.N. TRANSGAZ S.A. on the amendment of the NTS Network Code approved by ANRE Order 16/2003, with subsequent amendments and additions,

were published on the website of the National Energy Regulatory Authority on 30 June 2017.

The two proposals for modification and completion of the NTS Network Code elaborated by SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA refer to the provisions of art. 17 4 of the NTS Network code on virtual trading point, of Chapter III - "Access to transmission services related to NTS" art. 52-54, art. 78 -81, art. 86, art. 99, as well as Annex no. 13 - "PVT Notification of transaction related to forecast imbalance". Also, two framework contracts for natural gas transport - one for inward capacity services and the other for capacity exit services - are proposed, which will replace the current framework contract, set out in Annex no. 1 to the NTS Network Code in force.

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