

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR ACCESS TO BULGARTRANGAZ GAS TRANSMISSION NETWORKS

The grant of access to Bulgartransgaz EAD gas transmission networks is made in line with the procedure and conditions of the *Rules for granting access to the gas transmission and/or gas distribution networks, access to the natural gas storage facilities*, approved with Decision No.P-1 of 14.03.2013 by EWRC, enforced as of 27.12.2016 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules).

Entities who wish to gain access to Bulgartransgaz EAD gas transmission networks and enter into a Transport Contract must submit an *Application for Access to Bulgartransgaz EAD gas transmission networks* (hereinafter referred to as the Application) according to a template, published on the internet site of Bulgartransgaz EAD:

https://www.bulgartransgaz.bg/files/useruploads/files/pravno/Application%20for%20access%20EN%20001_2017_en.doc

The Application shall be submitted in Bulgarian or English language, signed by the person/persons, authorized to represent the company in line with the up-to-date excerpt of the commercial register or by a person/persons authorized thereby by virtue of an express power of attorney.

To gain access to the gas transmission network every Applicant must meet the conditions of access laid down in article 2 of the Rules.

In line with article 10a of the Rules you must submit along with the Application original documents, certifying the lack of evidence in line with article 2 of the Rules for the company applying for access, namely – a document stating that the company is not in insolvency procedure, in liquidation procedure and has not been declared bankrupt - Annex No.1 to the Application. A declaration in free wording shall not be sufficient.

An excerpt from the commercial register must also be enclosed to the Application, showing the current legal status of the company, applying for access – Annex No.2 to the Application. In case the Application is signed by a person who is not entered into the commercial register as being the person representing the company, the Application must be accompanied by the respective power of attorney.

All documents must give the current legal status of the company (as of the date of the Application) and must be issued no earlier than one month prior to the date of the Application.

The Application together with the above documents may be submitted at any time – in person, with registered mail or by courier to Bulgartransgaz address:

1336 Sofia,
Housing estate Lyulin 2
66 Pancho Vladigerov Blvd.

or by e-mail to: access@bulgartransgaz.bg

The documents shall be submitted in original in the language of their issuance and shall be accompanied by a translation into Bulgarian or English language. The translation shall be certified by an apostille in line with the Hague Convention of 1961 and by a sworn (registered) translation.

Based on the submitted documents Bulgartransgaz shall make a check for their compliance with the requirements of article 2 of the Rules for Access. The check shall be carried out in line with article 10a of the Rules. In case the Applicant meets the access requirements they will receive an electronic notification, reading they have gained a right to access and may take part in the capacity allocation auctions, as published by Bulgartransgaz on the RBP.

The term of validity of the check for compliance with the requirements of the Rules is 6 months as of the notification on the grant of the right of access to the gas transmission network.

Within the above 6-month term the entity shall have the right to submit nominations for capacity booking on the capacity booking platform - the RBP and take part accordingly in the procedures on allocation of capacity for transmission.

In case capacity is allocated to you on the RBP, a draft Transport Contract or an additional agreement to an already signed contract will be sent to you within three-day term as of the end of the procedure in line with RBP's written confirmation on capacity allocated at the requested entry and/or exit points.

The Contract for Access and Transport together with the General Terms and Conditions thereto is published on Bulgartransgaz EAD internet site and can be read here:

https://www.bulgartransgaz.bg/files/useruploads/files/amd/Contracts_2018/EN/Contract_transmission_EN.pdf

Please note that by the time of introducing the entry-exit tariff model Bulgartransgaz offers a daily product only as an addition to already signed contracts for monthly, quarterly and annual product.

In line with article 10b, paragraph 14 of the Rules nominations for transmission under an already signed Transport Contract are implemented only after the submission of evidence of secured natural gas quantities at the entry point of the gas transmission network.