



**STATE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

S E R C of the Republic of Bulgaria on the grounds of Art. 36, par. 1, item 3 of the Energy and Energy Efficiency Act (EEEA) opens a procedure for conducting two separate tenders for selection of investors for construction of new gas distribution networks and

**MAKES A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

for participation in the tenders to all interested investors under the following terms and conditions:

1. The tenders have the following subjects, respectively:

- construction of a new gas distribution network on the territory of Trakia region (area 12 165 km<sup>2</sup>, population 1 370 000) with center the city of Plovdiv.
- construction of a new gas distribution network on the territory of Mizia region (area 9 118 km<sup>2</sup>, population 682 365) with center the city of Pleven.

2. Each of the successful bidders in the separate tenders will be issued a permit for construction of the new gas distribution network for the respective region. In case of expressed will, the successful bidder will also be issued a license for performing the activity of distribution of natural gas for the same region for a period of 35 years and possibility for prolongation of the time period after its expiration.

3. Applicant for participation in the tenders can be:

- a foreign legal person through a trade company registered in the Republic of Bulgaria, in which the foreign company is owner of no less than 67 per cent of the capital;
- a Bulgarian legal person registered under the Trade Law in the Republic of Bulgaria.

4. The tenders are conducted by SERC under the terms and conditions of the legislation in force in the Republic of Bulgaria.

5. The price of each tender documentation is 5 000 EUR.

6. The applications for participation in the tenders will be accepted not later than:

for Trakia region, 17.00 hrs. on 17.10.2003 each working day in the premises of SERC, 8-10 Dondoukov Blvd., city of Sofia, and for Mizia region, 17.00 hrs. on 24.10.2003 each working day the same address. Applications submitted after the above deadlines will not be considered.

For further information the interested investors can contact:

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