



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
ENERGY AND WATER
REGULATORY COMMISSION



REPORT

on

Amendment to the IGB Tariff Code, Annex A to the Network Code for the Interconnection Greece-Bulgaria

The Energy and Water Regulatory Commission (EWRC) and the Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water (RAAEY) of the Hellenic Republic have received a letter ref. No. VII-03 dated 3 July 2026 from ICGB AD with a request to amend the Tariff Code of the Interconnection Greece - Bulgaria (IGB), Annex A to the IGB Network Code. The ICGB AD letter has been registered in EWRC's office system under ref. No. E-15-59-10 dated 3 July 2026.

Based on the information and documents provided by the company, the following was established:

ICGB AD, with a letter reg. No. E-15-59-10 dated 3 July 2026, has proposed an amendment to the Tariff Code of IGB, which is Annex A to the Network Code of IGB. The company has justified the requested amendment with commitments made under the Roadmap for a long-term solution to increase the commercial attractiveness of the Trans-Balkan route and to guarantee gas supplies to the Republic of Ukraine, prepared by the gas transmission network operators of the Republic of Bulgaria - Bulgartransgaz EAD, of the Hellenic Republic - DESFA SA, of the Republic of Romania - Transgaz S.A., of the Republic of Moldova - VestMoldTransgaz SRS, of the Republic of Ukraine - Gas TSO of Ukraine, as well as the operator of IGB - ICGB AD. ICGB AD commitment under the Roadmap is to request the regulatory authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Hellenic Republic not to apply coefficients to the prices for booking short-term capacity products. According to ICGB AD, this would increase the competitiveness of the natural gas transmission route from the Hellenic Republic to the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Romania, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Ukraine.

In view of the above, ICGB AD has proposed Article 7 “Reserve Price” of the IGB Tariff Code to be amended as follows:

1. In item 7.1. the word “yearly” to be replaced by “all”;
2. Items 7.2. to 7.4. should be deleted.

Thus, the provisions regulating the application of the relevant coefficients to the price for booking quarterly capacity, respectively monthly capacity, respectively daily capacity, respectively intraday capacity are to be deleted from the current norm of Art. 7 of the IGB Tariff Code. This, as a result, leads to the application of the same price for all standard capacity products. The text of the current norm of Art. 7 of the IGB Tariff Code is available at the following web address: <https://www.icgb.eu/media/a0unvn10/prilozhenie-a-tarifen-kodeks-igb.pdf>.

In addition, the European Commission has adopted Decision C(2018) 5058 final of 25 July 2018 exempting the Interconnection Greece-Bulgaria (IGB pipeline) from the requirements for third-party access, regulated prices and ownership unbundling. EWRC and RAAEY, by Decision No. P-BO-2 of 8 August 2018 and Decision No. 768 of 8 August 2018, respectively, adopted the “Final

joint decision of the national regulatory authorities on the application for exemption of ICGB AD” in accordance with the decision of the European Commission (Final Joint Decision on the Exemption). Also, the national regulatory authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Hellenic Republic, with their Decision No. CH-1 of 1 July 2022, and Decision 593 of 30 June 2022, respectively, have adopted a “Final Joint Certification Decision for ICGB AD as an Independent Transmission Operator”.

According to Art. 4.4., item 1 of the Final Joint Decision on the Exemption, ICGB AD is obliged to submit a Network Code for IGB to the national regulatory authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Hellenic Republic for approval no later than 12 months before the date of commercial operation. The same, by Decision No. K-1 of 8 Oct 2019 and by Decision No. 918 of 9 Oct 2019 respectively, was approved by EWRC and RAAEY. The IGB Network Code contains the IGB Tariff Code - Annex A. Subsequently, EWRC and RAAEY, by Decision No. K-1 of 30 Sep 2022, respectively by Decision No. 743 of 29 Sep 2022, adopted a Joint Decision of the Regulatory Authorities to approve an amendment to the IGB Network Code and its annexes.

Upon approval of the ICGB AD proposal for amendments to Art. 7 of the IGB Tariff Code, a public consultation procedure should be conducted in accordance with the procedure and under the conditions of Art. 14 of the Energy Act. The amendments to Art. 7 of the IGB Tariff Code should also be subject to consultation with current and future users of the interconnection gas pipeline. Stakeholders, as well as current and future users, should be given an appropriate period of time to express their opinions and proposals.

In view of the above and on the basis of Art. 43, para. 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission and its administration, we propose that EWRC consider the following

DECISIONS:

- 1. To adopt this report;**
- 2. To schedule a public consultation for the report on the amendment of the IGB Tariff Code, Annex A to the Network Code for the Interconnection Greece-Bulgaria, providing participants with the opportunity for remote participation;**
- 3. To determine the date, time and place for holding a public consultation, which will be published on the website of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission;**
- 4. To conduct a consultation on the report with the relevant stakeholders - current and future users of the interconnection gas pipeline, lasting until 05.08.2026 by publishing it on the website of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission;**
- 5. To publish the report on the website of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission;**
- 6. To set a 14-day deadline for proposals and opinions in connection with the public consultation procedure.**

This report has been adopted by EWRC Decision under Protocol № 176 of 15.07.2026, item 6.