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### **Chapter One**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1.** This Ordinance regulates:

1. natural gas price regulation methods, rules for the natural gas price formation or determination and amendment, the procedure of providing information, submission of price proposals and their approval;
2. methods for energy enterprises compensation of costs incurred by imposed public service obligations under the Energy Act;
3. terms and conditions for networks connection price formation;
4. terms and conditions on natural gas access and transmission through the transmission/distribution networks price formation.

**Article 2.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Under the Ordinance terms, the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission (herein “the Commission”, EWRC) regulates the following prices:

1. (amended, SG No.95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) under which the public supplier sells natural gas to the end suppliers of natural gas and to a person who has been issued a license for the production and transmission of heat energy;

2. prices, at which end suppliers sell natural gas to the consumers connected to the respective natural gas distribution networks;
3. (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) prices of natural gas access and transmission through the transmission and/or distribution networks, except the cases where EWRC at its own discretion, approves a methodology for price formation of access and transmission through the transmission network;
4. prices for natural gas access and storage in storage facilities;
5. prices for connection to the natural gas transmission and distribution networks;
6. prices for provided to the consumers services, defined by EWRC, related to the licensed activity.

**Article 3.** (1) When exercising its price regulation powers, EWRC may apply different regulatory methods, may define efficiency indicators for the energy enterprises, benchmarking indicators and basic criteria performance.

(2) EWRC applies the following basic price regulation methods:

1. “rate of return on capital”, where EWRC, after carrying out a regulatory review, approves prices and annual revenue requirements of the energy enterprise for a regulatory period not shorter than one year. Following regulatory review shall be carried out with EWRC’s decision or at the energy enterprise request when significant deviations occur between the approved and reported revenue requirements elements.

2. “price cap” and “revenue cap” regulation, where the regulatory period duration is from 2 to 5 years. After a regulatory review, EWRC approves prices and annual revenue requirements of the energy enterprise for the first year of the regulatory period and may amend them at the end of each price year or at the end of the regulatory period in compliance with Chapter Three of the Ordinance.

(3) (Suppl., SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) for price regulation purposes, EWRC may apply benchmarking indicators between the energy enterprises and may require the performance of basic criteria based on analyses using the good practices data at national and international level.

(4) by a decision and at its own discretion, EWRC defines the price regulation method applied to the energy enterprises, led by the principles laid down in art. 23 and 31 of the Energy Act.

(5) in the cases when EWRC, at its own discretion, approves the price formation methodology for access and transmission through the transmission network, at the same time it defines the regulation method as well.

**Article 3a.**(New – SG No, 17/2014, effective 28.02.2014, repealed by Decision No.15465 of 18.12.2014 of the SAC of Bulgaria – SG No, 65/2015, effective 25.08.2015).

**Article 4.** (1) The energy enterprises’ accounting shall be carried out in a way that the financial reports shall be elaborated in consistence with the requirements of the Accounting Act and applicable accounting standards.

(2) For regulation purposes, energy enterprises lead separate accounting records under the requirements of art. 37 of the Energy Act.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The rules for keeping separate accounts, including assets allocation for pricing purposes by group of clients and activities, as well as the form

and content of the financial statements for regulation purposes, are adopted by EWRC's decision at the proposal of the relevant energy enterprise.

(4) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Financial reports for regulation purposes shall be accompanied by reports and additional information showing compliance with all requirements for the performance of the licensed activity, including the prevention of cross-subsidization pursuant to Art. 31, item 6 of the Energy Act in the prices proposed for approval or in the prices determined under Art. 2, item 3.

(5) The form and content of the information required for price formation purposes are set by EWRC instructions, which instructions are mandatory for the energy enterprises.

(6) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Rules under para.3 shall be amended on the EWRC's initiative or at the proposal of the energy enterprises and applied as of the beginning of the calendar year following the date of their adoption or their amendment.

**Article 5.** (amended, SG No.94/2015 effective 4.12.2015) (1) EWRC may approve the regulated under the Ordinance prices by components depending on the cost structure or common prices, which include two or more components.

(2) EWRC may approve, at the request of a licensee that holds more than one license for natural gas distribution and/or natural gas supply by end supplier and a proven positive effect to customers, uniform prices by customer groups for territories within the scope of these licenses.

(3) EWRC approves prices with no value added tax included.

**Article 6.** (Suppl., SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Energy enterprises may apply lower than the approved by EWRC prices provided this does not lead to cross-subsidization among separate activities and among customers groups as well.

**Article 7.** (1) Upon the proposal of energy enterprises, EWRC approves natural gas quality indicators and sets service quality indicators for each licensing activity and their annual target levels.

(2) Natural gas quality indicators and service quality indicators are components of the license requirements.

(3) For price regulation purposes, the achievement of each of the target indicators shall be the criterion for the overall performance of the licensed activity of the energy enterprise.

**Article 8.** (1) In order to guarantee customers interests, EWRC shall adjust the revenue requirements and/or prices of the energy enterprise for each price period depending on the performance of the natural gas quality indicators and service quality indicators in the previous year.

(2) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) In case the performance of the natural gas quality indicators and/or service quality indicators of the energy enterprise do not reach the target indicators for the relevant price period, the respective performance level reflects in reducing the revenue requirements and/or prices for the following price period under a defined by EWRC methodology.

## Chapter Two

### PRICE FORMATION

#### Section I

##### Price formation components

**Article 9.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Annual revenue requirements for the relevant licensing activity include economically justified costs and the return on capital under the following formula:

$$ARR = C + (RAB \times RoR),$$

where:

*ARR* - annual revenue requirements;

*C* – annual licensed activity costs;

*RAB* – allowed by EWRC regulatory asset base;

*RoR* - set by EWRC rate of return on capital for the regulatory period.

**Article 10.** (1) The types of costs directly related to the relevant licensed activity, which are included in the price formation are divided into two main groups: conditional-fixed costs and variable costs according to their relation to the natural gas quantity and/or to the service provision. In each of the specified groups, costs shall be indicated by economic elements as well.

(2) EWRC approves the forecasted amount of costs under para. 1, assessing their economic justification based on the presented by the energy enterprise evidence under para. 3, based on benchmarking analyzes using local and international practice data and taking into consideration the current control outcomes considering the regulation principles under the Energy Act.

(3) EWRC requires the energy enterprise to present a written justification and evidence for all or some of the costs and their relation to the licensed activity performance.

(4) (repealed, previous para. 5 - SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) For price regulation purposes, costs, which are not related to the relevant licensed activity, financial costs and costs of occasional and/or extraordinary nature, shall not be included in the allowed by EWRC costs, as well as the following:

1. costs related to the natural gas sale at freely negotiated prices;
2. tax costs related to the corporate income taxation of the profits;
3. costs on sanctions and/or penalties imposed by state or municipal bodies or by EWRC;
4. costs related to charges and other payments resulting from violation of agreements and interest for delays;
5. costs for future periods, which are part of the income report;
6. (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) current costs of accrued provisions of obligations under art. 38 of Corporate Income Taxation Act (CITA) and expenses for impairment losses excluding costs for impairment losses on inventories of natural gas;
7. costs under art. 204 of CITA, as well as costs for accrued tax on them under art. 216 of CITA;
8. costs for donation and unused leave;

9. all other costs for which there is no technical, economic or other justification and evidence from the energy company;

10. costs that EWRC reasonably assumes are not in the interest of customers or costs, which do not appear necessary for the licensed activity performance;

11. (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) legal costs other than State fees related to the opening of recovery cases;

12. (new, SG No.105/2016 effective 30.12.2016, amended, SG 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018, SG 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) expenses under art.17, para.18.

**Article 11.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015; repealed by Decision No 577 of SAC of Bulgaria and Decision No 10839 of SAC of Bulgaria – SG No 97/2023, effective 21.11.2023; new, SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) (1) Allowed by EWRC costs of the energy enterprises incurred from public service obligations shall be compensated through the prices payable by all consumers in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner.

(2) The total amount of costs related to public obligations and recognized by EWRC, is included in the annual revenue requirements of the transmission company;

(3) The expenses under par. 2 shall be reimbursed as part of the service value by all natural gas consumers on the basis of their measured consumption and shall be defined as a separate component in the approved or determined under the methodology of art. 2, item 3, price for transmission through the gas transmission network;

(4) The way to offset the costs arising from public service obligations of the respective energy companies, and the mechanism by which these costs are reimbursed to energy companies that have suffered them are determined in methodology adopted by EWRC.

**Article 11a.** (new, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016) (1) Where a public service obligation is imposed on more than one energy undertaking, the resulting of the obligation costs are offset by the respective energy companies in proportion to the part of their commitment to the public service obligation, through the prices paid by their customers;

(2) In the cases under para. 1 the costs recognized by EWRC are determined as a separate component in the approved price of the respective energy company and are reimbursed by its customers and/or end suppliers of natural gas with which a supply contract has been concluded, based on their measured consumption;

(3) (Suppl. – SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018, SG No 95 of 2019, effective 3.12.2019, amended and suppl., SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The component under para. 2 is formed on the basis of the justified estimated costs for public service obligations for the relevant year and the declared estimated natural gas quantities in energy units - MWh, for the same year. The estimated natural gas quantities energy enterprises holding a license for the activity " natural gas public supply", are formed on the basis of the declared quantities from end suppliers and persons holding a license for heat energy production and transmission and the quantities under its bilateral contracts;

(4) (Amended – SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018) When in the year under par. 3 the energy enterprise has more than one price period, the component under para. 2 shall be adjusted for each subsequent price period on the basis of the difference between forecasted and actual reported costs of the imposed public service obligation in the previous price period.

**Article 12.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) (1) The approved by EWRC regulatory asset base for assets acquired after a payment by the energy enterprise and directly

connected to the licensed activity, shall be the allowed asset value on which the energy enterprise receives return of the invested capital and includes the following elements:

$$RAB = A - F - D + WC + INV$$

where:

*RAB* – regulatory asset base;

*A* - allowed reported value of used assets and useful assets;

*F* – balanced value of assets acquired through financing or in gratuitous way, including grand schemes, donations, social assistance, by customers, etc.;

*D* - depreciation, set for regulatory purposes for the period of asset use related to the licensed activity and calculated applying a linear method;

*WC* – required working capital;

*INV* – the amount of investments approved by EWRC in the cases of regulation under art. 3, para. 2, item 2.

(2) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The allowed asset value (*A*) is the adopted by EWRC reported value of assets as to the end of the base year, which assets are used and directly related to the licensed activity.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) In the allowed value of noncurrent assets (*A*) the following shall not be included:

1. costs of acquired assets in the form of non-accomplished commissioning;
2. assets, reported under an agreement of financial leasing, in case they are not related to the direct licensed activity;
3. assets, related to non-licensed activities (incl. recreational facilities, other social places) and/or leased assets, decommissioned and other;
4. value of assets exceeding market levels for similar or analogous assets, including revalued assets.

(4) Depreciation costs are calculated based on justified by the enterprise and allowed by EWRC technical and economic useful life of the assets applying a linear method of depreciation.

(5) The working capital allowance in the regulatory asset base shall reflect the results of a study of the funds required to maintain a suitable level of receivables and cash to meet current obligations, as well as payables to suppliers. The working capital allowance study is for a period not shorter than one year.

(6) The energy enterprise may calculate the working capital likewise on the basis of the so called “Net commercial cycle”, based on the number of days for which the company returns the spent cash funds to provide the services. The enterprise presents the study as a component of the tariff application.

(7) (Amended – SG No 94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The components forming the working capital are: net revenues from the relevant licensing activity, activity cash costs, payables from customers and suppliers (uncollectable receivables not included), inventories and payables to suppliers and customers related to the regulated activities in compliance with the annual financial statements of the enterprise.

(8) (Amended – SG No 94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) In case the enterprise does not provide the required documents and information under para. 5, 6 and 7 or EWRC assumes that the working capital value is not justified, this value is set as not higher than 1/8 of the approved annual working cash costs

of the licensed activity (depreciation costs and impairment costs of uncollectable receivables are not included).

(9) Investments, which are to be done during the regulatory period shall be presented by years, excluding the investments by which assets under para. 3 are created or acquired.

(10) Energy enterprises regulated through the methods under art. 3, para. 2, item 2, submit for approval detailed justified investments by years, by directions and sites groups aiming the record of the target indicators performance of natural gas quality and service quality.

(11) The justification of the proposed for approval investment includes the achievement of specific objectives regarding the licensed activity performance, including network development and improvement, security of supply enhancement, technological costs reduce and other goals.

(12) EWRC may include in the regulatory asset base investments based on presented by the energy enterprise detailed report and analysis on their implementation and results achieved regarding natural gas and customers service quality, as well as efficiency changes.

**Article 13.** (1) EWRC sets rate of return on capital for the regulatory period equal to a forecast weighted average cost of capital. The weighted average cost of capital is the estimated by EWRC target rate of return of the energy enterprise on equity and debt, weighted according to the share of each of these financing resources in the set target capital structure.

(2) (Amended – SG No 94/2015, effective 4.12.2015, SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) The rate of return on capital is estimated as a rate on a pre-tax basis by the following formula:

$$RoR = C_{EP} \times \left( \frac{RoR_{EQ}}{1 - TR} \right) + C_{DP} \times RoR_D$$

where:

$RoR$  - is the rate of return on capital, before taxation;

$C_{EP}$  - the equity portion of capital;

$RoR_{EQ}$  - the rate of return on equity, after taxation;

$TR$  - the corporate profit tax rate in compliance with the Corporate Income Tax Act, %;

$C_{DP}$  - the debt portion of capital;

$RoR_D$  - is the rate of return on debt, in line with the market rate.

(3) EWRC sets rate of return on capital before taxation, calculated at target rate of return on equity after the taxation, target rate of return on debt and target capital structure of equity/debt.

(4) (Amended – SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) EWRC sets rate of return on capital considering a number of factors like: riskless profitability, comparisons with other companies with similar risk levels, access to financing, current financial and economic conditions in the country, capital structure of the company.

(5) (New – SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019, amended, SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) EWRC determines the rate of return on capital through the capital asset valuation model and based on data from: internationally recognized sources of information on industry-wide unleveraged ratio  $\beta$  for European countries, a total market risk premium for the Republic of Bulgaria, formed as the sum of the basic risk premium for developed markets and the country-specific risk premium; Bulgarian National Bank data on the risk-free rate of return when using the long-term

interest rate to assess the degree of convergence as an average value for a 12-month period preceding the month of the announcement of the price proposal.

## **Section II**

### **Allocation of revenue requirements by customers groups. Tariffs and tariff structures**

**Article 14.** (1) Energy enterprises may propose for approval by EWRC different tariff structures by customers groups, reflecting the allocated annual revenue requirements needed for the service provision for each group based on presented service value study.

(2) Customers groups are approved by EWRC at the proposal of the energy enterprises depending on similar consumption characteristics and/or other feature.

(3) Tariff structure prices may include the following components: capacity price, natural gas transmission price, provision or supply price, as well as other components depending on the costs structure.

**Article 15.** (1) EWRC may set hourly, season and other tariff structures for the customers groups under art. 14, para. 2 based on technical and economic justification under art. 32, para. 2, item 2 of EA.

(2) (Repealed, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015).

**Article 16.** (1) EWRC issues instructions for the access and transmission through the transmission network price formation or approves methodology for the access and transmission through the transmission network price formation.

(2) Access and transmission prices are set using the entry-exit tariff system and every network point has a price formation set by following an individual tariff.

(3) In applying the entry-exit tariff system for every entry and exit point, prices shall be transparent and shall be applied in a non-discriminatory manner and shall be set individually. Prices indicate the necessity of integrity of the system and its enhancement and reflect actually realized costs, to the extent they correspond to costs incurred by an efficient and structurally comparative network operator and simultaneously include economically justified investment return and when applicable, they indicate the comparative tariffs by certain parameters of the regulatory authorities.

## **Section III**

### **Price regulation**

**Article 17.** (1) (amended, SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) (1) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The prices, at which the public supplier shall sell natural gas to end suppliers and to persons who have been issued a license for the production and transmission of heat energy is formed on the basis of their latest declared estimated quantities of natural gas in energy units - MWh, and the costs of their supply from imports for the domestic market, from local production enterprises, from natural gas reserves and the component for the activity "public supply". The price is calculated in BGN per energy unit – MWh.

(2) Prices under para. 1 may be adjusted periodically in compliance with the conditions of the trading contracts under which the public supplier shall buy natural gas for the internal market.

(3)(amended, SG No.100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) Natural gas price at the entry of the gas transmission networks shall be formed by the public supplier as weighted average value, taking into consideration the last nominated forecast natural gas amounts for import for the internal market, local extraction undertakings and natural gas reserves aiming sale in the following period, the conditions in the provision and transmission to the Bulgarian border contracts and and the average exchange rate of BGN against the foreign currency in which the natural gas imported into the country is paid for, for the month preceding the month of submission of the proposal for price approval. The average monthly exchange rate for BGN against the foreign currency is calculated based on the published quotes of the Bulgarian National Bank. The public supplier forms the price of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks based on the estimated costs of its supply and the estimated quantities of natural gas to be supplied by the company in connection with the public supply of natural gas, as well as the long-term contracts and short-term transactions for the supply of natural gas at freely negotiated prices to which it is a party

(4) The public supplier forms the quantities of natural gas under paragraph 3 from the various supply sources: trading contracts for import to the domestic market, local extraction enterprises and natural gas reserves, in accordance with the principle of lowest costs when forming the natural gas price at the entrance to the gas transmission networks.

(5) The natural gas price at the entrance of the gas transmission networks under paragraph 3 is the price component at which the public supplier sells natural gas to the end suppliers and to persons holding a license for heat energy production and transmission.

(6) (Suppl., SG 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) For the formation of the price under paragraph 1, the public supplier shall forecast the natural gas quantities for delivery for the following period in energy units – MWh, based on the most recently declared estimated quantities of natural gas by the end suppliers and persons holding a license for heat energy production and transmission.

(7) The public supplier sells natural gas to end suppliers and to persons holding a license for heat energy production and transmission that includes also a "public supply" activity component at the amount of up to 2.5 percent in annual terms of the average purchase natural gas price. The component for the activity "public supply" does not include the costs of the public supplier for the purchase of natural gas.

(8) (amended, SG No.100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The component under para. 7 includes economically justified costs and return on capital for the public supply activity, determined in accordance with Art. 10 and 13 of the Ordinance. In the presence of common costs for natural gas public supply and natural gas supply under bilateral contracts, these costs are allocated proportionally to the quantities of the relevant activity.

(9) The component under para. 7 is calculated on the basis of estimated annual data for the revenue requirements under art. 9 of the Ordinance, allocated over the periods of natural gas price adjustments under para. 2.

(10) When calculating the component under paragraph 7, the approved estimated conditional fixed costs for the activity "public supply" shall be allocated proportionally for each of the periods of natural gas price adjustments under paragraph 2.

(11) When calculating the component under para. 7 the natural gas storage costs (calculated based on submitted by the company planned natural gas amounts for injection and withdrawal valued by the current storage price approved by EWRC) shall be included in the forecast annual variable costs. The difference between the forecast and actual storage costs shall be indicated in the periodic natural gas price adjustments.

(12) Public provision activity component shall be recalculated for each period of price adjustment under para. 2, depending on the value change of the working capital and the cash expenditure changes of the public supplier. The provisions of art.12, para.5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be applied when setting the working capital.

(13) In case of periodic changes in the price under paragraph 2, upon establishing a difference from a previous price period between the estimated and reported costs forming the component "natural gas price at the entrance of the gas transmission networks", the costs for purchasing natural gas for delivery may be changed by this difference in subsequent price periods.

(14) To establish the difference under paragraph 13, the difference between the estimated and reported costs for the supply of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$C = C_f - C_r$$

Where:

C is the difference between the estimated/forecast and reported costs for the supply of natural gas quantities at the entrance to the gas transmission networks from the previous price period in thousands of BGN;

C<sub>f</sub> - the estimated costs for the supply of quantities of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks, calculated as the product of the reported quantities of natural gas in energy units for supply to the domestic market and the price of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks under paragraph 3;

C<sub>r</sub> - the reported costs for the supply of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks, calculated as the sum of the costs for the quantities of natural gas supplied, respectively from imports for the domestic market, from local production enterprises and from natural gas reserves for sale.

(15) The reported costs for delivered quantities of imported natural gas for the domestic market under paragraph 14 are calculated as the product of these quantities and their weighted average price, taking into account the exchange rate of BGN to the relevant foreign currency at which they were received, as well as the costs for access and transmission to the Bulgarian border. The reported costs for delivered quantities of natural gas from local extraction enterprises under para. 14 are calculated as the product of these quantities and the price at which they were purchased. The reported costs for delivered quantities of natural gas from natural gas reserves for sale under para. 14 are calculated as the product of the extracted quantities and their reported value for the relevant month in BGN per MWh.

(16) (Repealed, SG No.100/2024, effective 26.11.2024)

(17) The difference under para. 13 is established on the basis of the difference under para. 14 and the reported quantities of natural gas that were delivered during the previous price period to end suppliers and to persons holding a heat energy production and transmission license.

(18) Additional costs for the public supplier, incurred as a result of the delivery during the relevant year of quantities, requested by end suppliers after August of the year preceding the year of delivery, shall be paid by the persons who caused them.

(19) The costs recognized by EWRC under paragraph 18 form a separate component in the approved price of the public supplier for the relevant price period.

(20) The component under paragraph 19 is formed on the basis of the reported amount of additional costs.

(21) The public supplier can claim about recognition and compensation of the additional costs under para. 18 together with the application under art.32 regarding validation of prices for the respective price period, to which application it shall also apply the necessary evidence for these costs.

**Article 18.** (1) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price for access and transmission through the transmission networks shall be two-component and shall include the following components: access price (capacity price) and transmission price (price for the natural gas physically transmitted amounts) under the conditions of the concluded transmission contract, in line with the instructions or methodology under art. 16.

(2) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price under para. 1 shall be formed based on the annual revenue requirements under art. 9 and the approved forecast transmission parameters (realized capacities and quantities of transmitted natural gas) for the respective price/regulatory period based on the applied tariff model.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Transmission companies shall return via the transmission price the natural gas transmission technological costs, which maximum size shall be set by an EWRC decision.

(4) (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price under para.1 shall be set as follows:  
1. access price in BGN per unit capacity for a certain period of use;  
2. (amended – SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018) natural gas transmission price in BGN per MWh transported natural gas.

**Article 19.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) (1) Natural gas sale prices of the end suppliers selling to customers connected to the respective gas distribution networks shall be formed based on the expenses for the purchase of natural gas and the approved forecast annual revenue requirements for natural gas supply under art. 9.

(2) Prices may include the following components: natural gas price, supply price, as well as some other components depending on the costs structure.

(3) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The supply price component is determined on the basis of the annual revenue requirements according to Art. 9 for the supply of natural gas to the natural gas projected quantity.

(4) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The natural gas price component is the public supplier price. For household customers, the natural gas price component also includes balancing costs of 2 percent of the public supplier price.

(5) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) In cases where end suppliers do not buy natural gas from the public supplier, the gas price is the weighted average price of the concluded trading contracts and for pricing purpose, the latter cannot be higher than the approved price of the public supplier. For household customers, the natural gas price component also includes balancing costs in the amount of 2 percent of the weighted average price under the concluded trading contracts, but not more than 2 percent of the price of the public supplier

(6) (Amended – SG No 94/2018, effective 27.11.2018, SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) The price under para. 1 as well as its components is set in BGN per MWh.

**Article 19a.** (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) (1) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) In the cases when the end suppliers supply customers with compressed natural gas, the price for sale of natural gas to these customers shall also include price component for

compressed natural gas supply reflecting the costs of compression, transport, decompression and heating of natural gas.

(2) The price under para.1 shall apply only to the part of the respective licensing territory where the customers are supplied with compressed natural gas.

**Article 20.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) (1) The price for access and transmission through the distribution network may include the following components: access price (capacity price) and transmission price (the price of the natural gas physically distributed amounts) under the conditions of the concluded contract for transmission through the distribution network.

(2) (suppl, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015, amended, SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018) The natural gas transmission through the distribution networks price shall be formed based on the approved annual revenue requirements under art. 9 to the approved forecast amount for distribution in BGN for MWh by customer groups.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Gas distribution companies shall return via the transmission price the natural gas transmission technological costs for the gas transmission through the relevant distribution network, which maximum size shall be set by an EWRC decision.

**Article 21.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) (1) (Amended – SG 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) Prices under art.17 shall be adjusted in line with the price change at the entry of the gas transmission networks.

(2) (Amended – SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019, SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) Prices under Art.19 shall be adjusted in line with the price change under Art. 17, para.1. For household customers, the prices under Art. 19 shall also be amended with balancing costs in accordance with the price change under Art. 17, para. 1. In cases where the end supplier does not buy natural gas from the public supplier, for the purposes of pricing, the gas price cannot be higher than the approved price of the public supplier.

**Article 22.** (1) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price for access and storage of natural gas in the storage facilities shall be formed based on the approved annual revenue requirements under art. 9 and the approved forecast storage parameters (realized capacities and natural gas storage quantities) for the relevant period.

(2) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price under para. 1 include the components: access price (capacity prices) and storage price (price of natural gas stored amounts) under the conditions of the concluded storage contract.

(3) Gas storage facilities operators shall return the set by EWRC technological costs on the natural gas storage via the access and storage prices.

(4) (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price under para.1 shall be approved as follows:

1. access price in BGN per unit injection capacity, storage and extraction for the period of its use or in BGN for a bundled product representing a combination of the respective capacities;

2. (amended – SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018) natural gas storage price in BGN per MWh injected, stored and extracted natural gas.

**Article 23.** (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) When applying the regulation methods under art. 3, para. 2, item 2 the transmission companies, storage facilities operators and the

gas distribution companies form prices for the first year of the regulatory period based on the annual revenue requirements under the approved investment programme for the regulatory period.

**Article 24.** (1) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The connection price of customers connected to the gas distribution networks shall be formed by customers groups, depending on the nominated maximum capacity and pressure and the respective allowed costs per group. Costs on additional equipment for connecting at the request of the customer shall be on his account.

(2) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The price for connection to the gas transmission and gas distribution networks of extracting pipeline networks, natural gas storage facilities, LNG facilities, RES gas production units, gas distribution networks and industrial customers, outside the groups listed in para.1, shall be individual and shall include the actual costs for the connection facilities construction of the relevant company.

(3) (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) The connection price under para. 2 shall be calculated based on the costs incurred for all connection activities, the value of gas pipelines and facilities in accordance with the regulatory and technological requirements ensuring a direct connection from the technologically approved connection point to the respective network to the connection point of the customer's/customers' group facility, in line with Ordinance No 4 of 2013 on Connection to Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution Networks (SG, No 105/2013).

(4) (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Connection prices shall be set in BGN for one connection or in BGN per connected customer.

**Article 24a.** (new, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016) (1) The types of services provided to the customers and related to the licensed activity shall be determined by a decision of EWRC on the basis of the information provided by the energy companies.

(2) The prices of services under para. 1 shall be formed on the basis of economically justified costs recognized by EWRC for their provision.

(3) The prices of the services provided to the customers related to the licensed activity shall be determined in BGN for each type of a single service, excluding VAT.

### Chapter Three

#### PRICE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THE MAIN REGULATION METHODS

**Article 25.** (1) When regulating the prices under art. 3, para. 2, item 1 using the method "rate of return on capital" during the regulatory period, prices may be adjusted at the presence of circumstances, which could not be predicted at the time of the price approval and which circumstances lead to substantial change in the price formation components and the financial state of the regulated companies.

(2) When regulating the prices using the methods under art. 3, para. 2, item 2 the following annual adjustments may be done:

1. through an inflation index (I) for the previous year based on National Statistics Institute data, in accordance with its impact on the allowed OPEX (without the depreciation costs) and an efficiency enhancement ratio X following the principles under art. 23 and art.31 of EA.

2. (amended, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016) through performance indicators (natural gas quality, quality of service supply), and the energy company allowed revenue requirements shall be adjusted in case they fail to fulfill the set by EWRC target indicators;

3. (amended, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016, repealed by Decision No 3799 of SAC of Bulgaria – SG No 12/2024, effective 9.02.2024; new, SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) through the value of the difference between forecast and reported investments based on reliable data for non-current assets by types of activities according to the presented reports and/or carried out inspections.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) When applying the method “revenue cap” over the adjustment shall be added Z factor too – the absolute value of the difference between the forecast and reported costs for a previous price period; should the forecast costs be higher than the reported, the revenue requirements shall be reduced for the following price period, and vice versa – should the reported costs be higher than the forecast, the revenue requirements shall be risen by the same sum for the following price period; Z adjustment shall be applied only for differences in the natural gas sale and purchase costs, as well as differences in costs incurred by a change in the customers number.

**Article 26.** (1) Price adjustment shall be applied in case the real revenues of the energy company provide different from the forecast revenue amount to cover costs incurred by public service obligations and the difference shall be indicated in the energy company’s allowed revenue requirements for following price periods.

(2) (Repealed, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015).

## Chapter Four

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PRICE APPROVAL, SETTING AND ADJUSTMENT

**Article 27.** (1) Energy companies submit applications to EWRC using templates approved by it for approval of:

1. revenue requirements and prices and the related to them indicators and ratios for their adjustment during the regulatory period;
2. change in the tariff structure;
3. change in prices currently in effect;
4. other issues connected to EWRC price regulation powers.

(2) Applications under para. 1 shall be submitted not later than 3 months prior to expiry of the previous price period or the entry into force of the proposed adjustment of current prices and/or tariff structures.

**Article 27a.** (New – SG No. 52/2018) (1) (Amended – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026) Applications shall be submitted in writing in electronic form or on hard and soft copy. The paper application shall be accompanied by a declaration of the truthfulness of the stated circumstances and the attached documents and data, signed by the applicant.

(2) (Amended – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026) When the application is not submitted by a person legally representing the energy enterprise, a power of attorney with a notarized signature of that person shall be attached to the application. When the application is submitted electronically, it shall be accompanied by an electronic power of attorney signed with a qualified electronic signature in a manner that allows certification of the power-of-attorney signing time with accuracy to the year, date, hour, minute and second with a qualified electronic time stamp.

(3) (Amended – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026) An application in electronic form may be submitted through the secure electronic service system under Art. 26, para. 2 of the Electronic Government Act or the Single Portal for the provision of information and services by EWRC, signed with a qualified electronic signature and in a manner that allows for the verification of the power-of-attorney signing time with accuracy to the year, date, hour, minute and second with a qualified electronic time stamp. A declaration of the truthfulness of the stated circumstances and the attached documents and data, signed by the applicant with a qualified electronic signature, shall be attached to the application.

(4) (Repealed – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026).

(5) (Amended – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026) An application submitted electronically that is not signed in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 3 shall not constitute grounds for initiating administrative proceedings.

(6) (Amended – SG No. 35/2026, effective 14.04.2026) EWRC may require that documents attached to the electronically submitted application be submitted on paper as well.

**Article 28.** (1) Applications shall be reviewed for compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance within a 7-day period as of their receipt.

(2) Should there be found any irregularity of the application, a written notice shall be sent to the applicant to remove the irregularities within 7 days.

(3) Should the applicant fail to remove the irregularities within the time limit specified in para. 2, the file shall not be reviewed in essence and shall be terminated by a decision of EWRC.

(4) A written notice shall be sent to the applicant saying that the file shall be terminated and the application shall not to be reviewed in essence.

**Article 29.** (1) Together with the application for revenue requirements, prices and tariff structures approval, licensees submit at EWRC information on a previous 12-month reported period called base year.

(2) Application under para.1 shall be annexed with:

1. annual certified financial statement with all its attachments, in line with the requirements of the Accountancy Act and applicable Accounting Standards;

2. financial accounting information in line with art. 4 for the base year;

3. technical economic data including monthly reports for the sales during the base year, as well as any other information related with the prices proposed for approval, requested in pursuance of the instructions under art. 4, para. 5;

4. information by types of consumer groups for the base year, including number of customers, natural gas sales, revenues and billing information;

5. other data that the energy company may consider to present in support to the submitted application or requested by EWRC;

6. (new, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) the trading contracts under which the end supplier buys natural gas.

7. (previous item 6, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) document for paid application fee.

(3) Should with the end suppliers and gas distribution companies be applied regulation methods under art. 3, para. 2, item 2, these entities shall attach to their applications under para.1 forecast data like forecast sales, number of customers, investment foreseen and any other information in compliance

with the instructions of EWRC under art. 4, para. 5, by years of the regulatory period and in line with their approved investment programmes.

(4) Documents under para. 2 and 3 shall be submitted at EWRC in hard (paper) copy and electronic copy, certified by the signature of a representative of the energy company and a stamp.

(5) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Energy companies shall submit the required evidence for the data authenticity of the information under para. 2 and 3.

(6) Alongside with the price approval applications, the energy companies may request allowance and compensation of costs incurred for public service obligations, attaching the relevant evidence justifying their request.

(7) Should the approved by EWRC price has an impact on the prices of other energy companies, EWRC may give instructions to these companies to submit applications for the adjustment of their approved prices. In case they fail to comply with the instructions, EWRC may, by virtue of its powers, adjust those prices.

**Article 30.** (1) When EWRC regulates the prices using the method “rate of return on capital”, the energy companies can submit applications for adjustment of approved prices before the end of the price period at the presence of circumstances which could not be foreseen at the moment of approving the prices and leads to substantial change of the approved price formation components and the financial state of the energy company.

(2) Annexed to the application for adjustment of the approved prices, information on justifying the circumstances under art. 25, para. 1 shall be provided.

(3) Should the adjusted under para.1 prices have an impact on the prices of other energy companies, EWRC may give instructions to these companies to submit applications for the adjustment of their approved prices. In case they fail to comply with the instructions, EWRC may by virtue of its powers, adjust those prices.

(4)The decision for adjustment of prices under para. 3 shall not terminate the regulatory period.

**Article 31.** (1) When EWRC regulates the prices using the methods under art. 3, para. 2, item 2, the energy companies shall submit applications for the approval of adjusted revenue requirements and/or prices for the second or following price periods of the regulatory period.

(2) Applications under para. 1 shall be submitted not later than 3 months before the end of the previous price period.

(3) (Amended – SG No 100/2024, effective 26.11.2024) Alongside with the application under para. 1, information in line with art. 25, para. 2 shall be submitted.

(4) In case the transmission network operators fail to propose prices for access and transmission on time, EWRC shall have the power to determine temporary prices and take a decision for appropriate compensation measures in case the final access and transmission prices deviate from the temporary ones.

**Article 32.** The public supplier shall submit at EWRC an application with a proposal for prices in compliance with the change of the natural gas price at the entry of the gas transmission network within 20 days before the end of the period under art. 17, para. 2.

**Article 33.** In a one-month time limit before the submission at EWRC of an application for the approval of new prices or the adjustment of current valid prices, the public supplier and the end

suppliers publicly announce in the mass media their proposal for the approval of new prices or the adjustment of current valid prices.

**Article 34.** (1) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) Within two months as of receipt of the applications for approval and/or adjustment of approved prices, respectively for the elimination of irregularities, EWRC at a closed session shall adopt the working group report and draft decision and shall schedule a date and time for an open session to discuss the adopted report and to hold a public discussion under Art.14 of EA on the adopted draft decision.

(2) In the case of art. 32, EWRC within 10 days as of receipt of the application containing the price proposal in accordance with the natural gas price change at the entry of the gas transmission networks, at a closed session shall adopt a report from the officials concerned and shall schedule a date and time for an open session to discuss the adopted report.

(3) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) EWRC shall announce the report, the draft decision and the date and time of holding a public discussion on its internet page.

(4) (amended, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) At an open session EWRC shall discuss together with the energy companies the report and shall set a deadline for submission of opinions and written justification of the made at the open session objections within 5 days as of the date of its conducting.

**Article 35.** (para.1 repealed, previous para.2, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015, amended, SG No 98/2018, effective 27.11.2018, SG No 95/2019, effective 3.12.2019) In the case of art. 32, after the open session, EWRC shall conduct a closed session, where it shall adopt a decision by which it shall adjust the prices under art. 17 and 19.

**Article 36.** (1) For energy companies regulated by using the method “rate of return on capital”, the draft decision, respectively the decision under art. 39, shall contain:

1. the forecasted and/or adjusted revenue requirements of the energy companies, including economically justified costs for the activities under the relevant licenses, the regulatory asset base and the rate of return on capital and the respective prices;

2. the forecasted natural gas amounts for the following price period.

(2) Should the carried out analysis and assessment of the presented by the energy company information under art. 30 do not give the grounds for the adjustment of the approved prices, EWRC shall adopt a draft decision, respectively decision under art. 39, para. 1, by which it shall refuse to adjust the currently valid prices.

**Article 37.** (1) For energy companies regulated by using the methods under art.3, para.2 item 2, the draft decision, respectively the decision under art. 39, para.1 shall contain:

1. At the beginning of a new regulatory period:

a) the regulatory period duration and the rate of return on capital;

b) the forecasted revenue requirements of the energy companies for the first price period or by years for the regulatory period;

c) the forecasted natural gas amounts for the first price period or by years for the regulatory period;

d) prices for the first price period including by customer groups and tariff structure;

2. For every following price period within the regulatory period:

a) correction indicators values in compliance with the requirements of art. 3;

b) the forecasted revenue requirements of the energy companies for the price period in compliance with the values under item "a";

c) the forecasted natural gas amounts for the price period;

d) prices for the price period including by customer groups and tariff structure.

(2) In case the energy company has requested customer groups and tariff structure approval, but failed to justify this request in the presented study for the service value under art.14, EWRC may refuse to approve them.

(3) In case the energy company has not submitted an application and/or has not provided information under art. 29, EWRC may, by virtue of its powers, approve adjusted revenue requirements and prices for the following price period of the regulatory period based on the available data.

**Article 38.** (1) Public hearing and discussion procedure under art. 14 of the Energy Act shall commence with announcement of the draft decision on the internet page of EWRC;

(2) EWRC shall discuss with the stakeholders, under art. 14, para. 2 of the Energy Act, the draft decision and schedules a deadline for the introduction of opinions not shorter than 14 days.

**Article 39.** (1) After the conclusion of the public hearing and discussion procedure, EWRC shall adopt a decision at a closed session.

(2) When files representing actual and legal complexity, the reasons attached to the decision may be adopted up to 10 days after the adoption of the relevant decision.

(3) EWRC shall publish decisions under para. 1, respectively the reasons under para. 2, on its internet page within 3 days as of their adoption.

**Article 40.** (amended, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016) (1) Within 7 days as of receipt of the decisions for approval of new prices, the public supplier, end suppliers, gas transmission and distribution network operators and storage facilities operators publish on their internet pages the approved prices, including the prices by tariff structures and the prices which they shall apply under the contracts with customers in the following price period.

(2) In case of price regulation on the basis of a methodology approved by EWRC, the energy company shall publish the set prices on its website within 7 days as of the date of the decision regarding their determination.

(3) The new prices shall be applied as of the date specified in EWRC 's decision and, in the case of price regulation based on a methodology approved by EWRC, as of the date specified in the decision regarding their determination.

**Article 40a.** (new, SG No.105/2016, effective 30.12.2016) (1) Validating prices procedure for the services provided to consumers and related to the licensed activity is initiated at the initiative of EWRC or at the request of a licensee.

(2) In the cases under paragraph 1, EWRC shall require the energy enterprises carrying out the relevant licensing activity to provide information on the types of services offered related to the licensing activity within a period determined by it.

(3) Para.2 shall not apply in the case of a validating prices application of a licensee for the provision of services related to licensing activity, when for this activity only one license is issued for the territory of the country.

(4) Within one month as of receipt of the information under para.2 or the submission of the request under para.3, EWRC, at a close session, shall adopt a draft decision on service type determination and shall set a date and time for holding an open session about its discussion.

(5) EWRC shall announce the draft decision, the date and time of the open session on its website.

(6) At the open session, EWRC shall discuss with the energy enterprises the draft decision and sets a deadline for submission of opinions within 5 days as of the date of the open session.

(7) Within 15 days as of the date of the open session, EWRC shall hold a closed session, at which it shall adopt a decision to define the types of services. By the decision, EWRC shall instruct the energy companies, carrying out the respective licensing activity, to submit within a certain period of time a prices approval application for the types of services it has defined.

(8) Together with the application, energy companies apply evidence and justify the costs associated with the provision of the types of services defined by EWRC.

(9) At a closed session, EWRC shall, within two months after the submission of the prices approval application for services related to the licensed activity, adopt a report and a draft decision and shall schedule a date and time for holding an open session to discuss the adopted report and carry out a public discussion under Art.14 of EA regarding the adopted draft decision.

(10) After closing the public discussion at a closed session, EWRC shall adopt a decision.

**Article 41.** The terms and conditions for the approval, setting and adjustment of prices regulated in the present Chapter shall not be applied to cases under art.16 para.1, where EWRC approves a methodology of the access and transmission through the gas transmission networks price setting. In these cases, the terms and conditions for the price setting and adjustment shall be determined in the approved methodology.

## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

§ 1. Within the terms of the Ordinance:

1. **Base year** shall mean the previous calendar year or a 12-months period, prior the submission of the application for which the energy company shall provide information about the licensed service used as basic to set the prices.

2. **Natural gas reserves** shall mean the amounts of natural gas injected by natural gas storage facilities operators and which can be withdrawn with commercial goal and/or when necessary.

3. **Efficiency enhancement ratio** shall mean the target rate expressing the relative costs reduction of the energy companies about the performance of the relevant licensed activity.

4. **Natural gas cubic meter** shall mean the natural gas quantity in a volume one cubic meter at temperature 20°C and absolute pressure 101325 Pa.

5. **Capacity** shall mean the maximum flow expressed in m<sup>3</sup> per a time unit or in energy unit per time unit which the network user has the right to use under the provisions of a transmission contract.

6. **Revenue requirements** shall mean the economically justified revenues needed for the energy company to provide the licensed service with a certain level of quality and to reach a certain return.

7. **Rate of return on capital** shall mean a return of the invested capital expressed as percentage of that capital.

8. **Service value study** shall mean the study on the energy company costs for the provision of the licensed service by customers groups and a comparison with the actual and forecast revenue received by each customers group at the currently valid or proposed prices.

9. **Useful life** shall mean the time period for which EWRC assumes a certain asset can be depreciated.

10. (Repealed, previous para.11, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Allowed asset value** shall mean the allowed by EWRC value of the all energy company assets which are used for and are directly connected with the licensed activity.

11. (Previous item 12, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Variable costs** – shall mean the costs whose value varies depending on the natural gas amounts.

12. (Previous item 13, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Regulatory asset base** shall mean the value of the tangible and intangible assets that are both used and have a useful life for the provision of the service under the license and the necessary working capital.

13. (Previous item 14, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Regulatory period** shall mean the period between two regulatory reviews.

14. (Previous item 15, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Regulatory review** shall mean the activity that EWRC carries out to perform analysis and assessment of the reported information for the base year and the forecast information for the following price/regulatory period provided by the energy companies. As a result of the regulatory review EWRC shall approve:

a) the forecasted revenue requirements and prices of the energy companies including economically justified costs and return on the capital or a mark-up for the activities in the respective licenses;

b) the duration of the regulatory period using the regulation method “price cap” and “revenue cap”, as well as the price formation elements values, based on which the energy companies propose price for approval for the following price period within the regulatory period.

15. (Previous item 16, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Capital structure** shall mean the relative shares of the equity and debt in the total amount of the energy company capital.

16. (Previous item 17, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Tariff structure** shall mean the price system of the natural gas sale or the provision of a service, the revenues of which correspond to the revenue requirements of the respective activity.

17. (Previous item 18, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Tariff price** shall mean each separate price of the tariff structure.

18. (Previous item 19, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Conditional – fixed costs** shall mean the costs which do not change when a change of the natural gas amounts occur.

19. (Previous item 22, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015) **Price period** shall mean the period when the prices stay unchanged by EWRC – usually twelve months.

20. (Repealed, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015)

21. (Repealed, SG No.94/2015, effective 4.12.2015)

## **Transitional and Final Provisions**

§ 2. The Ordinance shall enter into force as of the day of its promulgation in State Gazette;

§ 3. The Ordinance shall be adopted on the grounds of art. 36, para. 3 of the Energy Act and in compliance with the requirements of Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 13 July 2009 on the common rules of the internal natural gas market;

§ 4. Proceedings instituted before the Ordinance entry into force shall be accomplished in outgoing line.

**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1 OF 2013 ON THE ORDINANCE OF ELECTRICITY**  
**PRICES**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 17/2014, EFFECTIVE 28.02.2014)

§ 19. The Ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 2013 ON NATURAL GAS PRICE REGULATION**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 94/2015, EFFECTIVE 04.12.2015)

§ 28. The prices for the sale of natural gas by end suppliers to customers connected to the relevant gas distribution networks approved prior to the entry into force of this Ordinance shall be brought into line with Article 19 upon their next amendment.

§ 29. The Ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

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**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 2013 ON NATURAL GAS PRICE REGULATION**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 105/2016, EFFECTIVE 30.12.2016)

§ 8. Additional costs incurred prior to the entry into force of this Ordinance under Art. 17, Para. 14 shall be submitted by the public supplier for recognition and compensation with the application under Art. 32 for approval of natural gas prices, but no later than 31.03.2017.

§ 9. The Ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

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**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 2013 ON NATURAL GAS PRICE REGULATION**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 98/2018, EFFECTIVE 27.11.2018)

§ 9. When submitting the application under Art. 32 for approval of natural gas prices for the first quarter of 2019, the public supplier shall attach reports on the differences between the estimated and reported costs for the supply of natural gas at the entrance to the gas transmission networks, formed for the I, II and III quarters of 2018, calculated in accordance with Art. 17, para. 12, 13 and 14.

§ 10. (1) Proceedings initiated prior to the entry into force of this Ordinance for the approval of prices for the transmission of natural gas through gas distribution networks and prices for the supply of natural gas by an end supplier shall be completed in accordance with the procedure set out in this regulation.

(2) The applicants under paragraph 1 shall be sent written notices for processing the submitted applications in accordance with this Ordinance within one month.

§ 11. In cases of price changes under Art. 25, para. 2, the prices shall be approved in energy units.

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**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 2013 ON NATURAL GAS PRICE REGULATION**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 95/2019, EFFECTIVE 03.12.2019)

§ 8. The Ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

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**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**  
**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF**  
**ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 19.03.2013 ON NATURAL GAS PRICE REGULATION**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 100/2024, EFFECTIVE 26.11.2024)

§ 10. Natural gas supply prices of end suppliers in BGN per customer per month, which EWRC has approved for the regulatory period of the respective end supplier before the entry into force of this Ordinance, shall be approved by ERWC in BGN per MWh in the proceedings for the amendment of prices under Art. 21, para. 2 and Art. 25, para. 2 on the basis of the pricing elements for which the supply prices have been approved for the regulatory period.

§ 11. Price approval proceedings initiated prior to the entry into force of this Ordinance shall be completed in accordance with the procedure set out in this Ordinance.

§ 12. The Ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

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**Transitional and Conclusive Provisions**

**TO THE ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF  
ORDINANCE № 6 OF 28.03.2024 ON CONNECTION OF FACILITIES TO THE  
ELECTRICITY GRIDS**

(PROMULG. – SG No. 35/2026, EFFECTIVE 14.04.2026)

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§ 25. The Ordinance was adopted on the basis of Art. 116, para. 7 of the Energy Act by decision of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission under Protocol No. 81 of 7.04.2026, item 1, and enters into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.