



**Demand assessment report
for incremental capacity between
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A. Non-binding demand indications

In line with Art. 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/459, the transmission systems operators (TSOs) conducting this market demand assessment report gave network users the opportunity to submit non-binding demand indications to quantify potential demand for incremental capacity. The period for submission on both sides of the border between the Slovenian entry-exit system and the Austrian entry-exit system (Market Area East) was from 1 July to 26 August 2019. Within this period, no non-binding demand indications regarding the respective border were received by the TSOs.

B. Demand assessment

i. Historical usage pattern

As stated above, for the incremental capacity cycle addressed by this report no non-binding market demand indications were received. Therefore, an analysis of the historical capacity utilisation between the respective entry-exit systems to support the assessment of the demand for incremental capacity is not necessary.

ii. Relations to GRIPS, TYNDP, NDPs

The Austrian national network development plan contains the incremental capacity project 'GCA 2015/08 Entry/Exit Murfeld' foreseeing the creation of 614,388 Nm³/h (0°C) of freely allocable capacity at the entry point Murfeld and of additional 391,620 Nm³/h (0°C) of freely allocable capacity at the exit point Murfeld. The project 'GCA 2015/08 Entry/Exit Murfeld' is a project of common interest (project cluster 6.26 Croatia – Slovenia – Austria) under the TEN-E Regulation and as such forms part of the third PCI Union list.

The Slovenian national network development plan contains the capacity project of bi-directional gas route Austria – Slovenia – Croatia under the point 4.3.2 Dvosmerna plinska pot Avstrija - Slovenija - Hrvatska of the national development plan 2019-2028 and is a part of the project of common interest as stated in the paragraph above. According to this document, it is foreseeing the creation of 162 GWh/d (594,714 Nm³/h at 0°C) of firm technical capacity at the exit point Ceršak and of additional 78.7 GWh/d (289,018 Nm³/h at 0°C) of firm technical capacity at the entry point Ceršak.

iii. Expected amount, direction and duration of demand for incremental capacity

Not applicable.

C. Conclusion for the (non)-initiation of an incremental capacity project/process

Considering the elements mentioned in section A and B of this report, at this stage no ground is identified to consider starting an incremental capacity project. This does not preclude the conclusions of a following demand assessment exercise. Both TSOs will continue to develop the projects as mentioned in section B of this report in the course of their respective national network development planning. This may also include an examination of additional demand levels in order to adapt the project to recent developments in the region.

D. Provisional timeline

Market Demand Assessments will be, according to the Article 26, Regulation 2017/459 performed on a regular basis.

E. Interim arrangements for the auction of existing capacity on the concerned IP(s)

Not applicable.

F. Fees

For the incremental capacity cycle addressed by this report, the involved TSOs did not introduce a fee for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications.

G. Contact information

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