



**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 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 3 July to 28 August 2023. Within this period, no non-binding demand indications regarding the respective border were received by the Austrian TSO GCA.

The following table shows indications of non-binding demand for firm unbundled capacity per Ceršak Entry IP in direction from Austria to Slovenia which were received by Slovenian TSO Plinovodi within the 8 weeks deadline set out as per article 26(6) CAM NC:

| <i>From</i> <i>[entry-exit system name]</i> <i>“EXIT CAPACITY”</i> | <i>To</i> <i>[entry-exit system name]</i> <i>“ENTRY CAPACITY”</i> | <i>Gas year</i> <i>[yyyy/yy]</i> | <i>Amount*</i> <i>[Please indicate unit: (kWh/h)/y or (kWh/d)/y]</i> | <i>Request is submitted to both TSOs</i> <i>[yes] or [no] (detailed information shall be provided below)</i> | <i>Period when Demand Indication was received*</i> <i>[please include the period according to the numbers 1) - 3]]</i> | <i>Additional Information</i> <i>(e.g. type of capacity, if different from bundled firm freely allocable)</i> |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| GCA | Plinovodi | 2023/24 | 4,800,000 | No | 2 | Unbundled demand |
| GCA | Plinovodi | 2024/25 | 24,000,000 | No | 2 | Unbundled demand |
| GCA | Plinovodi | 2025/26 | 24,000,000 | No | 2 | Unbundled demand |
| GCA | Plinovodi | 2026/27 | 24,000,000 | No | 2 | Unbundled demand |
| GCA | Plinovodi | 2027/28 | 24,000,000 | No | 2 | Unbundled demand |

*unit is (kWh/day)/y

The following standardised period shall be used for indicating the receiving date of the demand indication:

- 1) later than eight weeks after the annual yearly capacity auction in the previous incremental capacity cycle, that have not been considered previously;
- 2) within eight weeks after this year's yearly capacity auction (0 – 8 weeks after yearly auction in year);

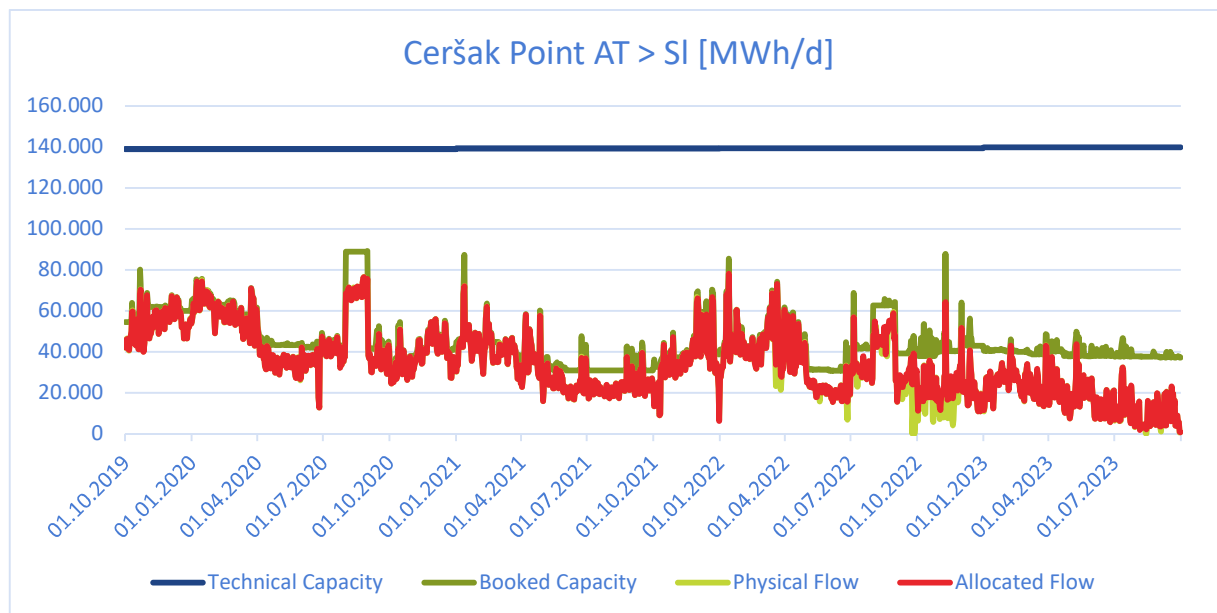
- 3) later than eight weeks after this year’s yearly capacity auction, but that will be considered in this incremental capacity cycle (9 – 16 weeks after yearly auction in year).

B. Demand assessment

The received demand indications within the current incremental process on the Slovenian entry-exit system are not sufficient to develop any incremental capacity, whereas on the Austrian entry-exit system (Market Area East) are zero. The available capacity (i.e. technical capacity which is not yet booked in the long term) for the requested period is currently sufficient to cover potential future need for capacity. Capacity information in general can be found on ENTSOG’s Transparency Platform.

i. Historical usage pattern

The utilisation of the technical firm capacity is presented in the chart below by comparing the technical capacity with the booked capacity, the allocated “commercial” flow and the physical flow from 1.10. 2019 to 1.10.2023 at the interested interconnection point.



ii. Results of current annual yearly auction

In the recent annual yearly auctions, that took place on 03.07.2023 for the joint interconnection points the following results have been achieved:

| Interconnection point name | Flow direction | Gas year | Offered capacity Amount | Booked Capacity Amount |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | kWh/d/y | kWh/d/y |
| <i>Ceršak</i> | <i>AT->SI</i> | <i>2023/2024</i> | <i>122,306,856</i> | <i>17,880,000</i> |
| <i>Ceršak</i> | <i>AT->SI</i> | <i>From 2024/2025 to 2027/2028</i> | <i>122,306,856</i> | <i>0</i> |
| <i>Ceršak</i> | <i>AT->SI</i> | <i>From 2028/2029 to 2031/2032</i> | <i>108,320,136</i> | <i>0</i> |
| <i>Ceršak</i> | <i>AT->SI</i> | <i>From 2032/2033 to 2037/2038</i> | <i>111,893,688</i> | <i>0</i> |

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

According to the assessment result of the non-binding demand indications under point B, no demand levels for incremental capacity need to be developed, no incremental capacity project will be initiated. Based on the aforementioned decision, no technical studies for incremental capacity projects will be conducted. This conclusion is without prejudice to the possibility for both TSOs to develop projects also concerning the Interconnection Point between Austria and Slovenia, in line with their network development plans.

D. Fees

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

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