

Annex: Balancing

to the general terms and conditions for access to the hydrogen storage facilities operated by RWE Gas Storage West GmbH (RGSW)

§ 1 Allocation of the hydrogen volumes taken over or provided

- (1) The hydrogen volumes taken over hourly by RGSW for injection at the *storage injection points* or provided hourly by RGSW for withdrawal at the *storage withdrawal points* shall be allocated in accordance with the "allocated as nominated" procedure. For this purpose, the valid nominations made by the storage customer pursuant to Article 6 of the annex "Operation and Nomination" shall be transferred by RGSW as injected or withdrawn hydrogen volumes to the respective storage contract account managed by RGSW (Article 3 annex "Operation and Nomination"). Invalid nominations shall be transferred at "zero" to the storage contract account.
- (2) The allocation shall be made on an hourly basis in units of kWh and m³.

§ 2 Conducting the allocation in storage contract accounts

- (1) Based on the nominations pursuant to Section 1, RGSW shall update the storage contract account in units of kWh and m³ hourly in the form of a time series (filling level) and disclose them in the web portal. The conversion from kWh to m³ is based on the calorific values used for the nomination of injection and withdrawal in accordance with Section 10 of the Annex 'Settlement and Nomination'.
- (2) No corrections of the time series shall be made in the units kWh and m³. Thus, the allocations in the units kWh and m³ shall be definitive.

§ 3 Combining of agreed storage capacities in case of multiple storage contracts

- (1) If the storage customer has concluded several storage contracts for a *storage facility*, these contracts may be combined in one storage contract account for the purpose of operation under the conditions of Paragraph (2). This possibility of aggregation shall be examined by RGSW at the request of the storage customer. If RGSW confirms the aggregation of the storage contracts, RGSW shall set up and maintain a joint storage contract account for the operation of the storage contracts. In this case, the basis for the application of the provisions on the "Amount of Nomination" and on the "Rejection or reduction of nominations" pursuant to Sections 10 and 11 of the Annex "Operation and Nomination" shall be the aggregate of all *storage capacities* of the storage customer for the *storage facility* agreed in the relevant storage contracts.

(2) The aggregation of several storage contracts in one storage contract account for the purpose of operation pursuant to paragraph (1) shall require the consent of RGSW. The prerequisites for the consent of RGSW are as follows:

- The storage customer has submitted a corresponding request in text form to RGSW.
- The storage customer has concluded several storage contracts with RGSW for the respective storage facility.
- The individual storage contracts have the same product features (e.g. the same ratio of *injection and withdraw capacity* to *working gas volume*) and contain the same technical framework conditions (e.g. injection/withdrawal curves).

In case of RGSW's consent, RGSW shall set up and manage the storage contract account for the combined storage contracts within seven (7) working days of receipt of the storage customer's request.

§ 4 Allocation of contracted capacity rights

- (1) If one or more storage contracts contain capacity rights for the injection and/or withdrawal only, these capacity rights must be allocated in consultation with the storage customer to an existing storage contract which already contains *working gas volumes* and for which at least one storage contract account is managed.
- (2) If one or more storage contracts contain rights on the provision of *working gas volumes* only, these capacity rights must be allocated in consultation with the storage customer to an existing storage contract which already contains capacity rights for the injection and/or withdrawal and for which at least one storage contract account is managed.

§ 5 Term of storage contract account

- (1) RGSW shall operate the storage contract accounts until the end date of the allocated storage contracts.
- (2) If a follow-up contract with a subsequent booking period is concluded immediately at the end of the term of the storage contract, RGSW shall further operate the corresponding storage contract account, provided the storage customer notifies RGSW of this at least 10 working days prior to the start of the contractual extension.
- (3) 18 months after the end of the term of the allocated storage contracts, RGSW shall deactivate the access authorizations for the storage contract accounts and delete the corresponding data.

§ 6 Transfer of hydrogen volumes between storage contract accounts

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- (1) The storage customers shall be entitled after a request to RGSW pursuant to Section 18 of the GTC to transfer hydrogen volumes from one storage contract account to another storage contract account.
- (2) The request to transfer hydrogen volumes between storage contract accounts must be submitted in writing to RGSW at least twelve (12) working days prior to the planned date of the transfer.
- (3) The transfer of hydrogen volumes shall require the approval of RGSW. The approval shall be provided subject to the following conditions:
 - The transfer of the hydrogen volumes must be made either from the requesting storage customer's own storage contract account or to the requesting storage customer's own storage contract account.
 - If the requesting storage customer does not transfer hydrogen volumes between its own storage contract accounts, the approvals in text form of all affected storage customers shall be required.
 - Compliance with the requirements concerning the utilization of the maintained *working gas volume* pursuant to the Annex "Technical framework conditions" and compliance with the capacity rights of the affected storage contracts is warranted for the period of the request and for the period of the transfer.
 - The hydrogen volumes must be transferred within the same *storage facility*.
- (4) The request to transfer hydrogen volumes shall be reviewed by RGSW within a period of ten (10) working days after RGSW's receipt of the request. The result of the review shall be provided to the storage customer at the latest on the eleventh (11th) working day in electronic form via e-mail.
- (5) The transfer of hydrogen volumes between storage contract accounts shall be subject to fees. The value published on the homepage of RGSW as of the transferal date shall apply to the fee amount.