Security of gas supplies to the EU, diversification of routes ("multiple pipelines" concept) as a mean to mitigate Russian gas transit risks to the EU, and financeability of draft EU legislation on new transportation capacity

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Mitigation of USSR/Russia gas transit risks to EU

- 1. USSR/COMECON (in)formal instruments:
 - a. "Socialist economic integration" + cooperation of Communist parties under USSR leadership (till 1988-89/1991)
 - b. Economic motivation (discounted political prices & pricing)
 - i. CEE: till end 1990-ies, then adaptation to forthcoming (2004) obligatory EU rules
 - ii. CIS: till 2006 & through nowadays (Ukraine unilateral disc., Belarus Union State)
- 2. International law instruments:
 - a. Bi-lateral IGAs with transit clauses/guarantees:
 - i. CEE since 2004/2009: conflict with 2nd (2003) & 3rd (2009) EU Energy packages (economic transit risk "contractual mismatch" vs MTPA covered by IGAs as bilateral international law instruments which dominates over domestic rules)
 - b. Multi-lateral international law instruments:
 - i. GATT/WTO Art.5 "Freedom of Transit" (unclear regarding fixed infrastructure)
 - ii. ECT Art.7 "Transit" (cannot prevent interruptions of transit)
 - iii. ECT Draft Transit Protocol (not finalised)
- 3. Direct participation in ownership:
 - a. Baltic states => ownership unbundling (3rd Energy Package)
- Alternative routes (diversification for exporter) => "multiple pipelines"
 / Ukrainian by-passes (since mid-2000-ies), but inside the EU:
 - a. Financing, construction, operation rules acc.to Third EU Energy Package are not effective for project financing => room for their legal improvement

(1-3) "one market-one pipe" concept; (4) "one market-two pipes" concept

Ukraine: "transit interruption probability" index (2009-2014)



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ENTSOG: Proposed streamlining of INC process



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Defining, financing, constructing, operating NC: to exclude repetition of past negative experience within EU

Operation rules **SHALL** be financeable to raise finance to start construction => if no adequate operation rules => no shipping contracts => no project financing => no construction => capacity deficit continues (*e.g. NABUCCO*)



Development of new capacity in the EU: project financing, draft Amended Reg.984 & Art.20(h)/COS

Guarantees to shipper for transportation of his contracted supply volumes (100% of booked capacity - volumes, duration, profile) at predictable tariffs => security for TSO to pay-back its project CAPEX ("project financing" + double guarantee by congestion management procedures: "ship &/or pay", UIOLI) => security for lenders (commercial financiers) to pay-back their "debt financing" to TSO => draft Art.20(h) to Amended Reg.984 on effective "Coordinated Open Season" (COS) for cross-border new capacity

Financing NC

"TSO shall invest" (Third Gas Directive, Art.13.2) => only "project financing" as a financial & financeable tool to develop crossborder new capacity => commercial financial institutions (lenders) to define prospects & risks for pay-back of their debt financing

Constructing NC

Operating NC

Non-discriminatory open & competitive bidding leads to cost decrease

Effective rules of operating NC as precondition & guarantee for raising CAPEX & to pass "economic test" (project financeability)

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To be financeable & effectively manageable, cross-border transportation route requires: - ring-fencing (unitization), - ITSO for unitized project, - fixed/predictable tariffs (project-based not system/"market zone"based),

no cost socialization...



What is fundamental fault of current "default mechanism" in ENTSOG draft of Amended Reg.984

"Auctions are the default mechanism for the allocation of incremental/new capacity" (ENTSOG Business Rules, art.III.1.5, based on ACER Guidance on Incremental & New Capacity), but:

- Incremental/new capacity = yet *non-existing* capacity,
- To allocate non-existing capacity one should first create it, but CAM NC deals with existing capacity only => direct application of CAM NC rules to new (yet non-existing) capacity is incorrect in principle => auction is NOT investment tool
- To allocate (trade with) existing capacity and to create (invest in development of) not yet existing capacity is NOT the same => trade & investment are NOT synonyms, but different types of economic activity => their mixture seems to be a systemic long-term misconception in EU (energy) legislation (the justified reason for Art.21 in 2nd & Art.36 in 3rd EU Directives for new invest.projects)
- ACER intention to put "investment" into Procrustean bed of "trade" is counterproductive since considers "investment" just as occasional (from time to time) deviation from "trade" => procedural faults in ACER Guidance reproduced in ENTSOG Business Rules, then in ENTSOG draft Amended Reg.984, at least for new capacity.



"Project-based" proposal for COSP – not considered in Amended Reg.984

New cross-border capacity project life-cycle

Invest.phase+pay-back period

Post-pay-back period

Coord.OSP (ring-fenced project)=>Art.20(h)

1.Project-based approach through pay-back
2.Cross-border unitization, ITSO for unitized project, coordination within single project
3.NPV as criteria for economic test
4.F-factor =100% (90% - shippers demand, 10%
- NRA guarantees, securitized by EU Fin. Inst.)
5.Tariff as swing parameter in economic test
6.Fixed tariff through pay-back period
7.No cost socialization
8.Costs/revenues reallocation within project
9.No contractual mismatch...

Amended NC + draft NC HTTS

 System-based approach
 Cross-border TSO coordination for existing & not yet existing cap.
 WTP (auction) as criteria
 F-factor established by NRA, flexible, less 100%
 Volume as swing parameter
 Floating tariff
 Huge cost socialization (1-F)
between diff. market areas
 Risk of contractual mismatch...

Cross-border new capacity ("transportation route") principle: until capacity is built & paid-back – OSP procedure based on project-based (not system-based) approach







Incremental Proposal & New Capacity: proposed correlation between CAM NC & NC HTTS

	Existing Capacity	Incremental Capacity	New Capacity (proposed)
Capacity allocation mechanism (CAM NC + amendment)	Auction	Auction	Coordinated Open Season (+ cross- border project ring- fencing + new project-based ITSO)
Tariff methodology <i>(draft NC</i> <i>HTTS)</i>	System- based (floating)	System- based (floating)	Project-based (project ring-fencing through pay-back period) (not floating)

(*) CAM NC = Capacity Allocation Mechanism Network Code; NC HTTS = Draft Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures



Draft solution for TSO coordination for new cross-border capacity within E-E EU zopes: COS, ring-fencing, ITSO

Parameters of new IPs/CBPs to be coordinated within chain of the zones and with supply contracts backing demand for new capacity within each zone

Pipelines-interconnectors between two neighbouring EU zones = = single IPs with bundled products

Supplies to EU from non-EU

Hub A

Non-EU producer Its EU customer **New Capacity** = multiple IPs with bundled products to be balanced, cross-border coordination of TSOs to avoid two types of contractual mismatches:

Hub B

Hub C

(1) at each IP: between term supply & transportation contract, and(2) at all IPs on the route from zone to zone: between bundled

products at each IP A.Konoplyanik, Joensuu, 26.02.2015 Hub D



Coordinated Open Season (COS) & its existing & proposed place in Amended CAM NC (Reg.984)



Proposal: Pilot test for CAM Incremental (Amend. Regulation 984) for SEE Vertical Gas Corridor

- "Turkish Stream" to be further prolonged within the EU towards Central Europe:
 - non-dependent delivery points (existing vs new)
 - based on 3rd Energy Package rules (Art.13.2: TSO shall invest)
 - TSO to effectively combine existing & new capacity
 - TYNDP/PCI vs. OSP for New Cap. acc.to Amended Reg.984
- 09.02.2015, Sofia: "Vertical Gas Corridor" for SEE
- Pilot test for financeability of EU invest.rules: first implementation of Amended Reg.984 without (existing draft) & with (our proposal) Art.20(h):
 - ACER "public consultations" (till 04.03.2015) => ENTSOG to correct on ACER comments => then Commission to decide
 - To adapt before final approval based on pilot test results
 - => EU to decide...

Thank you for your attention!

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