



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Board

DECISION

No. 214, Dated 11.10.2018

ON

APPROVING THE NETWORK CODE ON INTEROPERABILITY AND DATA EXCHANGE RULES

Based on article 16, article 44 and article 55 of Law no. 102/2015 “On Natural Gas Sector” and article 26 of the “*Regulation on ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures*”, approved with ERE Board Decision, no. 96, dated 17.06.2016, and the provisions of Decision no. 2018/02/PHLG-EnC, dated 12.01.2018 of the Energy Community’s Permanent High Level Group, ERE Board, on their meeting dated 11.10.2018, after reviewing the report prepared by the Technical Directories, on approving the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules,

Observed that:

- The Combined Operator of Natural Gas, “ALBGAZ” company, has adapted the draft-rules and the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges and submitted these draft rules for ERE review and approval with the official letter Protocol no.101 dated 08.08.2018;
- Albania is an Energy Community Contracting Party since 01.07.2006 and as such shall take into consideration:
 - ✓ The provisions of EU Regulation no. 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
 - ✓ The requirements of the Commission Regulation 2015/703 of 30 April 2015;
 - ✓ Decision no. 2018/02/PHLG-EnC, dated 12.01.2018 of the Permanent High Level Group of Energy Community, with which it is approved the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules;
- Also during the adaption of the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules, from “ALBGAZ” company are taken into consideration:
 - ✓ The provisions of Law no. 102/2015, “*On Natural Gas Sector*”;
 - ✓ “ALBGAZ” company licensing in Natural Gas Transmission activity;

- ✓ “ALBGAZ” company licensing in Natural Gas Distribution activity;
- ✓ Final Certification of the Natural Gas Combined Operator “ALBGAZ” company;
- “ALBGAZ” company has the observer status at the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Natural Gas (ENTSO-G).
- According to the Energy Community, this Code shall be transposed without changing his text and structure.
- With its Decision no.197, dated 03.09.2018, ERE Board has opened the procedure for approving the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules, proposed by the Combined Operator of Natural Gas “ALBGAZ” company.
- By ERE official letter Protocol no. 55/57, has been published the notification on the written media on dates 05.09.2018 and 06.09.2018 where are invited the stakeholders to submit their objections regarding the above mentioned. By the end of the 15 days term there were no objections from the stakeholders.
- The Competition Authority with Decision no. 550, dated 04.10.2018 “On issuing the recommendations for the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules, proposed by the natural gas combined operator “ALBGAZ” company recommends ERE to transpose the abovementioned document, without changes and requires to be informed regarding the implementation of the recommendation within 90 days. This recommendation is in conformity with ERE Board Decision on opening the procedures.

For all of the above mentioned ERE Board,

Decided:

1. To approve the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchanges Rules.
2. The original version in the English language shall prevail in case of interpretation disagreements from the stakeholders about the Albanian version.
3. License and Market Monitoring Directory shall inform the stakeholders for ERE Board Decision.

This decision enters immediately into force.

This decision is published on the Official Gazette.

This decision may be complained on Tirana Administrative Court, within 45 calendar days from the publication in the Official Gazette.

CHAIRMAN

Petrit AHMETI