



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRIË

## ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### BOARD

### DECISION

**No. 268, Dated 28.12.2020**

#### **“ON OPENING THE PROCEDURE TO APPROVE THE “RULES OF OPERATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) TERMINAL” IN ALBANIA”.**

Based on article 16, of Law no. 43/2015 “On Power Sector”, as amended, article 16 and 74, of Law no.102/2015 “On Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, as well as article 15 and 26, of the “Rules on ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures”, approved with ERE Board Decision, no. 96, dated 17.06.2016, the Energy Regulatory Authority Board (ERE), on their meeting dated 28.12.2020, after reviewing the report Protocol no. 142/11, dated 24.12.2020, prepared by Natural Gas Directory. On opening the procedure to approve the “Rules of operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG)” for Albania.

#### **Observed that:**

- The rules of operation of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal for Albania was drafted as a document in accordance with Article 16 and 74, of Law no. 102/2015 "On Natural Gas Sector" as amended, as well as based on the regulatory practice in compliance with the legal obligations for structuring secondary acts that belong to the Natural Gas sector as defined in Article 116 of Law no. 102/2015, "On Natural Gas Sector", ERE initiates the report on opening the procedure to approve the " Rules of operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG)” for Albania.
- The terms used in these Rules have the meanings defined in Law no. 102/2015, "On Natural Gas Sector" as amended and in the acts that define the regulation of energy activity and natural gas market.
- The rules regulate in particular the description of the liquefied natural gas terminal, the development, construction and maintenance of the terminal, the use of the terminal, the contractual relations and the general conditions of use of the terminal, the reservation and use of the Terminal Capacity, the metering rules and the terms of distribution, data disclosure and data exchange, indemnity and rules of sale of the Terminal User's LNG or natural gas in an Open Procedure.
- These rules have been developed and implemented following the general principles of transparency, non-discrimination of Terminal Users, security and reliability of the Terminal, as well as the technical and economic efficiency of using the Terminal.
- These Rules shall be applied by the Operator, the Terminal User, as well as other energy subjects e.g. natural gas market participants with the purpose to become Terminal Users.

- The draft Rules of operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, shall be consulted with the Operators in Natural Gas sector as well as all the interested parties.

For all of the above mentioned ERE Board,

**Decided:**

1. To open the procedure to approve the "Rules of operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal" in Albania.
2. Legal Directory, shall inform the interested parties about ERE Board Decision.

This decision enters immediately into force.

About this decision may be required its review within 7 calendar days and may be complained on Tirana Administrative Court within 45 calendar days from the day of its publication on the Official Gazette.

This decision shall be published on the Official Gazette

**ERE CHAIRMAN**

**Petrit AHMETI**