

Information for the normative requirements in cases, whereas should be called for the issuance of opinion

Bulgartransgaz EAD is the sole operator, holder of licenses for transmission, transit transmission and storage of natural gas on the territory of Republic of, according article 39 from the Energy Act.

The particular restriction for utilization of the lands, enforced by the existing gas pipelines are formulated within the main normative acts:

1. Energy Act;
2. Spatial Development Act;
3. “Ordinance № 6/25.11.04 for the technical rules and norms for designing, construction and use of sites and facilities for transmission, storage and distribution of natural gas”;
4. “Ordinance № 16/09.06.2004 in regard to easement of the energy projects”.
5. “Ordinance for development and safety exploitation of transmission and distribution gas pipelines and adjacent facilities, installation and equipment for natural gas ” (Ordinance under article 200, paragraph 1 from Energy Act).
6. Others

The above listed normative acts formulate general restriction and requirements, and namely:

- Easement zones of the transmission gas pipelines and adjacent facilities - according “*Ordinance № 16/09.06.2004 for easement of Energy sites* ”, Appendix № 3, point 5, shall define the minimal dimension, as:
 - for transmission gas pipelines and off-takes with diameter up to Dn 1000 mm and strips with width of 15 m on both sides of the gas pipeline;
 - for transmission gas pipelines and off-takes with diameter above Dn 1000 mm and strips with width of 17.5 m on both sides of the gas pipeline;

Inside the easement zone of the gas pipeline is not allowed for any sort of construction, putting of plants with well developed root systems and etc. (article 20 from Ordinance).

- Zone for preventive development protection (security zone), within are enforced restriction for construction, as follows:
 - For transmission gas pipeline build before 16.11.2002г. – according to “*Ordinance № 6/25.11.04 concerning the technical rules and norms for design, construction and use of sites and facilities for transmission, storage, distribution and supply of natural gas* ”, Appendix to § 1, table 2, depending on the diameter of the gas pipeline and type of investment proposal.
 - For transmission gas pipelines, build after 16.11.2002г. – according to article 13 from “*Ordinance for development and safety exploitation of transmission and distribution gas pipelines and adjacent facilities, installation and equipment for natural gas*”.
- Requirements for the minimum vertical distances and terms for crossing of facilities, property of Bulgartransgaz EAD.

Owners of properties, in vicinity of transmission gas pipeline or such within the easement zone and/or within the zone for preventive development protection, could submit application under a template for issuing of opinion concerning the types of restriction, imposed on the properties.

The proprietors of the plots, investors and others stakeholders could submit application using template for consultation of designs and detail development plans or investment projects for building on properties, within the easement and/or the zone of preventive development protection designs for infrastructure sites, which are lay out parallel to the transmission gas pipelines or are crossing them.

Feasibility study for the presence of gas pipeline structures, property of Bulgartransgaz EAD at a given territory could be made by:

- site visit – the transmission gas pipelines of Bulgartransgaz EAD in their greater part are laid down underground, however they are benchmarked and marked with direction signs and pipelines availability may be ascertained by a site visit. Benchmarks represent reinforced poles colored at even intervals with horizontal black and yellow strips. Upon site visit would be necessary to trace down larger perimeter from the territory, because the benchmarks are installed at every curve of the gas pipeline route;

- information from the relevant Municipality offices “Agriculture” and Offices of Geodesy, mapping and cadastre – Bulgartransgaz EAD has done geological surveys for greater part of its gas transmission system and the data have been provided for reflection within the cadastre. However, the gas pipelines are not always being reflected at the maps appropriately.

In case, that investment intention falls within the easement, zone for preventive development protection of the facility of transmission system or crosses them, Bulgartransgaz EAD becomes a concerned party under the meaning of Spatial Development Act and elaborated projects (Detail Development Plan and Working design) must be consulted with the Company before their approval.