

Guidelines for participation in the auction
for yearly integrated capacity product for UGS Chiren on RBP for gas year 2024/2025

Dear users of natural gas storage services,

For the gas year 2024/2025, you will have the opportunity to book integrated capacity product for UGS Chiren by participating in an auction procedure on RBP. The procedure is divided into two stages:

Stage 1 – UGS users submit their bids for a certain number of integrated capacity bundles which they wish to book, and the result of the ranking of the bids is a number of integrated capacity bundles allocated in the auction using **auction algorithm with explicit bidding and periodic price increase (Ascending clock) in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2017/459**.

Each annual integrated capacity bundle provides the user with storage capacity of 5,000,000 kWh for the gas year, as well as the right to be allocated injection capacity of 5,522,760 kWh/month and withdrawal capacity of 5,523 105 kWh/month.

The auction for the allocation of integrated units (Stage 1) is conducted analogously to the auctions for the annual capacity product for transmission, and depending on the interest of the users, it is possible to continue on the following day. In such a case, the users with allocated capacity in Stage 1 will be additionally informed about the date and starting time for conducting Stage 2, in which the injection and withdrawal capacity is allocated by month.

Stage 2 - The allocation by months of the injection and withdrawal capacity included in the annual integrated product is carried out within **Stage 2 with a mechanism of allocation "in proportion to the bids" (Pro-rata)**, according to the procedure in Article 7.7 of the Rules of Use of UGS "Chiren".

UGS users submit their monthly capacity product bids for each month in which they wish to reserve injection/withdrawal capacity. Bids are submitted in separate auctions, which are held simultaneously and independently of each other. The total capacity for which UGS users can apply in their bids is equal to the injection or withdrawal capacity allocated through the integrated capacity bundles during Stage 1. In Stage 2, one injection or withdrawal capacity bundle/unit is equal to 1 kWh/month in for that particular month.

Stage 2 is conducted in several consecutive rounds, until a round is held in which, the total bid injection/withdrawal capacity is not exceeding the available capacity. In each round, the capacity remaining available after the end of the previous round is offered, provided that there is outstanding demand compared to the available capacity in at least one of the auctions held in this round. If an UGS user has not fully booked the injection/withdrawal capacity allocated successfully at Stage 1, the UGS Operator will ex officio allocate the unallocated capacity in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of use of UGS Chiren. The duration of each auction round is 1 hour.

Immediately after the end of each auction, the participants of the auction will be informed about the results of the allocation through a report generated in RBP and with a report in .pdf format sent to the e-mail registered on the platform.