

Decision No. 253/2006
amending the Framework Contract for natural gas underground storage

Taking into account the provisions of Decision No. 1078/2003 of the president of the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector approving the Criteria and methods on approving prices and setting regulated tariffs in the natural gas sector, with subsequent amendments,

And the provisions of art. IV par. (2) of Law No. 210/2005 approving Government Ordinance No. 20/2005 amending Government Ordinance No. 92/2003 concerning the Fiscal procedure code,

On the basis of art. 8 let. m), and of art. 10 par. (4) and (5) of the Gas Law No. 351/2004, with subsequent amendments,
the president of the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector issues the present decision.

Art. I. – Annex „ Framework Contract for natural gas underground storage” to Decision No. 480/2004 of the president of the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector, published in Romania’s Official Journal, Part I, No. 327 of 15 April 2004, with subsequent amendments, is amended as follows:

1. Article 9 shall have the following contents:

„Art. 9. – The beneficiary will pay the provider the charge for natural gas underground storage services, calculated on the basis of the regulated tariff for underground storage services stipulated in annex No. 7, in accordance with the legislation in force.”

2. Letter a) of paragraph (2) of article 23 shall have the following contents:

„a) applying a percentage of delay increases equal to the delay increases owed for non-payment at due time of budgetary obligations for each day of delay, starting with the 16th calendar day from the date of bill issuing until full payment of the bill, including the day the payment was made, in case of non-fulfillment of the payment obligation within 30 days for the due payments date;”

3. After paragraph (4) of article 23 paragraph (5) is inserted with the following contents:

„(5) In case the due payment date is not working day, the terms stipulated in par. (2) are correspondingly altered.”

Art. II. – The specialized compartments within the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector, as well as the parties to natural gas underground storage will enforce the provisions of the present decision, starting with the 2006/2007 storage cycle.

Art. III. – The present decision is published in Romania’s Official Journal, Part I.

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IN THE NATURAL GAS SECTOR

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