

Asters Energy Policy Pulse

A weekly digest of recent legislative developments in the energy and natural resources sectors



Oil/gas

Extension of exemptions for the import of petroleum and other hydrocarbon gases of Russian origin into Ukraine

The Government by its [Resolution No. 577 dated 06 June 2023](#) introduced additional exemptions for the import of "Petroleum gases and other hydrocarbons in the gaseous state" from Russia into Ukraine. These exemptions permit import through international ports of entry with the EU Member States, the Republic of Moldova and under backhaul transactions, including previous periods.



Electricity

The NEURC approved amendments to the Market Rules on electricity balancing and offers on the balancing market

The NEURC approved [draft amendments to the Market Rules](#). The amendments affect the mandatory volume of offers in the balancing market by considering the TSO's accepted offer for ancillary services of automatic frequency restoration reserve. In addition, the amendments regulate the determination of balancing electricity volumes when balancing service providers execute the TSO's command to deactivate the command to unload from the minimum technical level of generation to zero.

Amendments to the Temporary Procedure for Restoration of Electricity Grids

NEURC has approved [amendments](#) to the Temporary Procedure for Transmission System Operator (TSO) Actions on Restoration of Electricity Grids and their Components Damaged during Martial Law in Ukraine. These amendments include a requirement for the transmission system operator to provide the NEURC with the necessary information. This is done to conduct a detailed analysis of the actual and required amounts of funding for the restoration of power grids and their components damaged as a result of hostilities, including the use of grants or loans, as well as to properly assess the implementation of the TSO's planned works.

Draft of new price caps by the NEURC

The NEURC [proposes to set new price caps](#) under the Methodology for Determining Significant Price Fluctuations and Setting Price Caps on the Day-Ahead Market (DAM), Intraday Market (IDM) and Balancing Market (BM), which was approved in September last year.

The regulator proposes to set the following price caps:

For the DAM

Maximum price caps for hours:

- maximum load: 5,413.26 UAH/MWh
- minimum load: 2 706.63 UAH/MWh

Minimum price caps: 10.00 UAH/MWh

For the DAM:

Maximum price caps for hours:

- maximum load: 5 413.26 UAH/MWh
- minimum load: 2 706.63 UAH/MWh

For BM:

- maximum price caps: 125% of the DAM price determined by the market operator for each billing period of the respective delivery day.
- minimum price cap: 0.01 UAH/MWh

Earlier, the NEURC decided to suspend the provisions of its Resolution No. 332, dated 25 February 2022, which set the price caps.

Subsoil

Draft Law on Consideration of Cases for Violations of Subsoil Use

The Government has developed and registered Draft Law [No. 9372](#) on the specifics of consideration of cases upon requests of the State Service of Geology and Subsoil of Ukraine within the framework of administrative proceedings in case of violations in the field of subsoil use.

Bioenergy

The NEURC approved amendments to its resolutions to facilitate the development of the biomethane sector in Ukraine

[The amendments introduce the concept](#) of a reverse compressor station and establish the specifics of connecting biomethane production facilities for its supply to the gas transmission system through the gas distribution system, as well as include other changes to the codes and Methodology for calculating tariffs for natural gas transmission services for entry and exit points based on long-term incentive regulation.

Other

The Parliament adopted Draft Law [No. 5322](#) on implementing the REMIT regulation

The law aims to prevent abuse by participants in wholesale energy markets and establishes liability for manipulation. It also contains important provisions for the wind energy industry regarding the extension of pre-PPA terms and technical specifications.

Draft New Methodology for Calculating Fines from the NEURC

The NEURC has approved the [Methodology for Calculating Fines for Violations of Legislation in the Energy and Utilities Sectors for Licensees](#). This Methodology applies to business entities licensed to operate in the energy and utilities sectors, which the NEURC supervises.

ANY QUESTIONS?



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