

Technical Rule no. 07 PB-GAS

(under article 4 of the Regulations of the Gas Balancing Platform - referred to in article 5 of Decision ARG/GAS 45/11 of "Autorità per l'energia elettrica e il gas" - approved by "Autorità per l'Energia Elettrica e il gas" with Decision ARG/gas of 28 October 2011)

Title	Submission of Bids/Offers
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Reference Legislation	Articles 27, paras. 27.1 and 27.5, and Article 28, paras. 28.1 and 28.6, Regulations of the Gas Balancing Platform
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entered into force on 27 November 2011

1. Foreword

Article 27, para. 27.1 of the Regulations provides that bids/offers shall be submitted in accordance with the procedures established in the Technical Rules.

Article 27, para. 27.5 of the Regulations provides that the maximum number of simple bids/offers making up a multiple bid/offer shall be defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 28, para. 28.1 of the Regulations provides that Snam Rete Gas shall submit bids/offers within the time limits defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 28, para. 28.6 of the Regulations provides that, within the time limit defined in the Technical Rules, Snam Rete Gas shall notify GME of the occurrence of emergency conditions due to gas surplus or deficit, under which the remuneration price shall be determined in compliance with Article 33, para. 33.2 b) ii. and iii. of the Regulations.

2. Submission of bids/offers

A Participant wishing to submit bids/offers must:

- have an electronic workstation, capable of recognising the digital signature via a *digital certificate*, and an Internet connection;
- authorise one or more users to submit bids/offers (“users”).

Bids/offers may be submitted

- by completing the appropriate forms (web forms) available in the SIMGAS,
- or
- by uploading a file with the layout specified in the “PB-GAS Implementation Guide”, which is posted on GME’s website (www.mercatoelettrico.org).

3. Revocation of bids/offers

Bids/offers may be revoked only during the submission session.

Bids/offers may be revoked

- by completing the appropriate forms (web forms) available in the SIMGAS;
- or
- by uploading a file with the layout specified in the “PB-GAS Implementation Guide”, which is posted on GME’s website (www.mercatoelettrico.org).

4. GME's submission of bids/offers on behalf of the Participant

If, under extreme and urgent circumstances, a Participant is unable to submit bids/offers through SIMGAS, he/she may ask GME to do so on his/her behalf. GME may give this support to the Participant for a limited number of times and subject to the timing of the PB-GAS.

Before sending such request, the Participant must provide GME with the original copy of a release-of-liability statement (possibly preceded by a copy thereof sent by fax). This statement must have the format of Annex A hereto and be signed by the Participant's legal representative.

The request for GME's submission of bids/offers on behalf of the Participant must be signed by one of the Participant's users (specified in para. 6 of the PB-GAS Participation Application or in subsequent requests for additions or changes) and sent by e-mail to salamercato@mercatoelettrico.org. The request must:

- a) specify the reason for the request,
- b) enclose the XML files of the bids/offers to be submitted.

The data stored in the historical data base of GME's e-mail server will give evidence of the received instructions.

5. Number of multiple bids/offers

The maximum number of simple bids/offers making up a multiple bid/offer will be equal to 10.

6. Time limit for submission of bids/offers by Snam Rete Gas

In each session of the PB-GAS, Snam Rete Gas will submit a single demand bid or a single supply offer within 10:00 of the gas-day immediately following the one of trading.

7. Time limit for notification of emergency conditions

Within 10:00 of the gas-day immediately following the one of trading, Snam Rete Gas will notify GME of the occurrence of emergency conditions due to gas surplus or deficit, under which the remuneration price shall be determined as per Article 33, para. 33.2 b) ii. and iii. of the Regulations.

Annex A¹**RELEASE OF LIABILITY UNDER TECHNICAL RULE NO. 07 PB-GAS (*)**

The Company/other..... (name or registered name), having its main place of business/residing intaxpayer's code.....and VAT number....., represented by,in his/her capacity of

WHEREAS

The Company/other..... (hereinafter called the "Applicant"), qualifying as PB-GAS Participant under article 15, para. 15.1 b) of the *Regulations of the Gas Balancing Platform referred to in article 5 of Decision ARG/GAS 45/11 adopted by Autorità per l'energia elettrica e il gas - AEEG - (hereinafter called the "Regulations")*, has signed the PB-GAS Participation Agreement in the format annexed to the Regulations on (date).....

NOW, THE APPLICANT SHALL RELEASE

Gestore dei mercati energetic S.p.A. (hereinafter called "GME") from any and all claims or liabilities for damages of any kind which may arise from the explicit requests - submitted in accordance with para. 4 of Technical Rule no. 07 PB-GAS - for GME's submission of bids/offers on behalf of the Applicant, as well as from possible delays in their submission.

GME shall remain responsible or liable for inaccuracy, incompleteness, non-timeliness, or anyway have any other responsibility or liability arising from the execution of the aforesaid requests, only in case of gross negligence and wilful misconduct.

Date.....

Signature

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¹ To be submitted on the Applicant's letterheaded paper

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