



## **NEW NATURAL GAS TRADE RULES AND DSO ROLE**

# Regulation

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**On March 8, 2017 Cabinet of Minister adopted Regulations of Natural Gas Trade and Usage.**

The main tasks of DSO related to the natural gas market opening:

- ❖ To provide customer switching process
- ❖ To adopt order to determine use of distribution services and metering
- ❖ To adopt and publish standard consumption profile (forecasting model for n-DMS sites)
- ❖ To provide forecasting data of n-DMS sites and data of DMS sites to the Trader and PSO

In February 6, 2017 PSO and DSO has signed cooperation agreement on operation and data exchange. Adjustment of booth operators IT systems is taking place to ensure the proper data exchange.

# Regulations – Trader's obligations

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- ❖ Before entering into natural gas deal with the customers gas Trader has to conclude the agreement with gas DSO about distribution services.
- ❖ Gas Trader has to ensure confidentiality received of customers data in accordance with the legal acts.

Gas Trader has to :

- ❖ Settle payments for distribution services in accordance with the agreement.
- ❖ At least 5 day's before terminating gas trade inform DSO as well provide information on household customer's with whom it has agreement in a day of termination of gas trade

# Regulations of Natural Gas Trade

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The main aspects of the Customer's Trader switching process:

- ❖ Trader switching could be realized once per month
- ❖ Customer can select new Trader not later than 15<sup>th</sup> date of each month
- ❖ Until 20<sup>th</sup> date of the same month Customer/Trader can cancel initial commitment to conclude new agreement
- ❖ After 25<sup>th</sup> date of month previous Trader will be informed by DSO that customer has switched
- ❖ From 1<sup>st</sup> date of following month Customer will become client of new Trader
- ❖ If present contract with Trader exceeds and Customer will not select new Trader it will be supplied on LRS conditions

# Initial to-do list prior to sign DSO service agreement

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The natural gas Trader shall:

- ❖ Register in NRA Natural Gas Trader's Register
  - ❖ Sign Transmission Service Agreement with TSO
  - ❖ Receive Balancing Portfolio Nr. assigned by TSO
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- ❖ DSO encourage potential Gas Traders to study new Gas Regulation
- ❖ Standard agreement of distribution services will be placed on DSO web page on April 3, 2017
- ❖ Questions related to the DSO please address to e-mail: [tirgotaji@lg.lv](mailto:tirgotaji@lg.lv)

**Thank you!**

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