

Autorità di regolazione per energia, reti e ambiente (ARERA, Italy)  
Ρυθμιστική Αρχή Ενέργειας (RAE, Greece)

*Approval of “Procedure for the execution of  
competing auctions pursuant to Regulation N.  
459/2017”*

Proposed by TAP AG  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2020

4 November 2020

Whereas<sup>1</sup>:

According to Regulation N. 459/2017 (CAM Network Code):

- the calculation methodology and the rules of making available the capacity, adopted by the TSOs, shall address specific situations where competing capacities across systems involve interconnection points (Article 6.1.a.2),
- in such cases each auction process is subject to the agreement of the directly involved transmission system operators and the approval of relevant national regulatory authorities (Article 8.2),
- the national regulatory authority of any adjacent and affected Member State may provide a position which shall be considered by the relevant national regulatory authority

On August 10th 2020 TAP AG published on its website the “Trans Adriatic Pipeline Network Code” as jointly approved by the Regulatory Authorities for Energy of Albania, Greece and Italy (respectively ERE, RAE, ARERA).

The TAP Network Code foresees (§6.3(d)) that the booking of Forward Firm Capacity for any Capacity Product and Exit Point is subject to competing auctions with the same Capacity Product for other Exit Points, due to some physical constraints in the westward flow.

Pursuant to CAM provisions TAP Network Code foresees (§6.3(d)) that the competing auctions will be run in accordance with the rules of the Capacity Booking Platform (Prisma) and criteria to be developed by the Transporter, approved by the NRAs and published on the Transporter’s website.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 TAP AG submitted the “Procedure for the execution of competing auctions points pursuant to Regulation N. 459/2017” (hereinafter: the Procedure).

On November 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, TAP’s adjacent TSOs SNAM Rete Gas and DESFA sent to the Authorities a letter acknowledging:

- the “competition” for capacity allocation between the Interconnection Points in the TAP system, namely Meledugno and Nea Mesimvria;
- the use of Prisma procedures to manage the above “competition”.

The Procedure is in line with both the TAP Network Code and CAM provisions.

Albania has no directly involved transmission system operators.

Given the above,

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<sup>1</sup> Hereafter the definitions of the *Final Joint Opinion* and of EU Regulation 2017/459 apply.

the Authorities jointly

approve the “*Procedure for the execution of competing auctions pursuant to Regulation N. 459/2017*” submitted by TAP AG and attached as ANNEX B.