

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN THE GAS MARKET

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LICENSING IN GAS SECTOR

- **License** – production, transmission, distribution, storage, trading, intermediation activity
- **Criteria** – professional (education, experience); financial (to ensure operation); technical (certificate of safety of energy equipment)
- Licenses are **granted** by ERO
 - for an indefinite period (transmission, distribution, storage)
 - 25 years production
 - 5 year supply
- 30-days license **issuance period**
- **Authorisation** to do business (supply) → license from another MS NRA → must apply to ERO for recognition → same rights and obligations
- **Termination of licence** – obligation to continue activities for a maximum of 12 months (if cancellation due to holder request) → unless force majeure

CERTIFICATION OF TSO

Procedure

- TSO must hold ERO certificate of independence – certification is initiated upon request or ex officio
- The ERO draft of the operative part of the decision (4 months)
- Subject to Ministry of Industry and Trade opinion of not endangering SoS (2 months)
- Subject to Commission approval (2 months)*
- ERO issues decision (2 months → max 1 year total)

Case study – NET4GAS (single TSO):

- From 02/2012 to 02/2013 still VIG (DSO, UGS) → ITO model (actually currently fulfilling OU)
- Extremely time and labour intensive process for both side – 1 year, 1800 p. file

*(2 months extension in case of ACER consultation)

CERTIFICATION IN THE GAS MARKET

- **Czech Gas Association** (Authorized by Czech Chamber of Commerce)
 - Publishes technical regulations (rules of practice)
 - TPG G 923 01; certification of processes testing the professional level and working qualities in the field of gas installations
- **Technical Inspection** of the Czech Republic
 - Certification of professional competence to inspect or test equipment
- DSO "certifies" the safe and reliable operation of gas „service lines“ by connecting the off-take point to the gas network (including installing the meters)

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