

Action Plan for approving the service prices of AB Amber Grid (from 2021 onwards) that are in line with the ACER opinion (recommendations)¹

Action	Deadline	Responsible entities
Publication and consideration of draft amendments to the Law on Natural Gas	October 2019-December 2019	ME, GRL, SRL
Submitting information for the PC according to Article 28 of the TAR NC (regarding discounts, multipliers and seasonal factors) to the NERC (the PC is carried out when necessary)	1 December 2019	AG
Approval of amendments to the Law on Natural Gas	December 2019	SRL
Publication of the PC according to Article 28 of the TAR NC in English (for a period of 2 months: by 2 March 2020) (the PC is carried out when necessary)	2 January 2020	NERC
Preparation and approval of implementing legislation	January 2020	ME, GRL
Operation of AG for starting new activities	January 2020	AG
The law amending the Law on Natural Gas becomes effective ²	1 February 2020	
Decision of the Board of AG regarding the start of new activities	February 2020	AG
Applying for a distribution activity license	February 2020	AG
Submitting information for determining the transmission revenue levels of the combined operator to the NERC	16 March 2020	AG
Granting a distribution activity license	March 2020	NERC
Publication in English of summary of and replies to the comments received during the PC according to Article 28 of the TAR NC (when necessary, within 1 month of the end of the PC)	2 April 2020	NERC
Determining the transmission revenue levels of the combined operator	15 April 2020	NERC
Application of the combined operator for approval of the prices (submitting Price Project approved by the Board of AG and related information to the NERC)	4 May 2020	AG
Final decision regarding the transmission prices of the combined operator	28 May 2020	NERC

Abbreviations used in the Action Plan:

Law on Natural Gas – Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Natural Gas;

PC – public consultation;

TAR NC – Regulation (EU) 2017/460 (Tariff Network Code);

ME – Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania;

GRL – Government of the Republic of Lithuania;

SRL – Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania;

¹ Agency Report – Analysis of the Consultation Document on the Gas Transmission Tariff Structure for Lithuania (04/07/2019): https://acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Acts_of_the_Agency/Publication/Agency%20report%20-%20analysis%20of%20the%20consultation%20document%20for%20Lithuania.pdf

² Date of entry into force of the Law on Natural Gas (~ 1 month after the beginning of 2020) is specified having regard to Article 20(4) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Legislative Framework which provides for that: *Legislation amending or introducing a new regulatory framework for the operation or supervision of economic operators generally enters into force on 1 May or 1 November, however, in all cases not earlier than three months from the date of their official publication. This provision shall not apply when legal regulation is established or amended in accordance with the obligations laid down in legal acts of the European Union, requirements of international treaties of the Republic of Lithuania, or when it comes to introducing more favourable legal regulation for economic operators*“.

AG – AB Amber Grid;
NERC – National Energy Regulatory Council