**PROTOCOL**

**on rejection of nominations/renominations due to the lack of free injection/withdrawal capacity**

According to the paragraph 12, Chapter 1 of Section VII of the Gas Storage Facilities Code, the SSO calculates free day-ahead capacity (free day-ahead injection/withdrawal capacity) on the daily basis and communicates it to the customers by publishing on its website by 10 a.m. of the previous gas day. The SSO publishes updated information taking into consideration daily nominations and unnominated capacity as of 6 p.m. of the previous gas day.

**Section 1. Technical part**

Technical injection/withdrawal capacity is calculated as the sum of technical capacities of injection / withdrawal of each individual underground storage facilities, represented in thousand cubic meters/per day, which is determined by the "Technic regulations for control over the operation equipment of underground storage facilities" and takes into account the design (passport) characteristics of UGS facilities and process equipment, technical condition, including, but not limited to: gas treatment and dehydratation units, gas compressor units, gas metering units (its change shall be recorded by issuing of official notes, letters, faxes, entries in the journals of departments, electronic correspondence between departments and shift commanders of the dispatching service), the volume of working gas in UGS facilities, the values of operating pressures at the connection points with the  gas transmission system (GTS). The technical capacity of injection/withdrawal available for distribution is determined taking into account the operation modes, agreed with the GTS Operator for the base season of injection / withdrawal in order specified in the paragtaph 2, Chapter 4 of Section I of the Gas Storage Facilities Code (including excess within design characteristics), and capacities reserved by the GTS Operator (paragtaph 3, Chapter 4 of Section I of the Gas Storage Facilities Code).

By 10 a.m. of each preceding gas day for which technical injection/withdrawal capacity to/from UGS facilities is determined, the shift commander of dispatching department enters in the SSO’s information platform data on technical injection/ withdrawal capacity to/from UGS facilities taking into account agreed with UGSS’s (Underground Gas Storage Subdivision) dispatching departments information on technical injection/withdrawal capacity. Transaction «**ZIP\_TECH\_CAP\_EDIT - Ведення тех потужності на добу**».

It is allowed to adjust the technical injection / withdrawal capacity to/from gas storage facilities entered into the SSO’s information platform after 10:00 a.m. of the previous gas day for which the technical capacity is determined, with the obligatory indication of the reason for the technical capacity change.

**Section 2. Commercial part**

The information on free injection / withdrawal capacity which is available for allocation is communicated to the customers by publishing in the customer’s cabinet of the SSO`s Information platform. The data are updated each time after the nomination/renomination procedure completion, taking into account the need to perform the submitted nominations/renominations of customers who use storage services (injection, withdrawal) on a guaranteed basis. Transaction «**ZIP\_SSO\_ALLOCATION - Відображення алокації**».

At each nominations/renominations consideration the engineer of the commercial dispatching department checks the amount of free injection/withdrawal capacity to/from the gas storage facilities that can be provided to storage customers. Transaction "ZIP\_TECH\_CAPACITY - Technical capacity".

If the volume of injection / withdrawal to / from the gas storage, taking into consideration nominations / renominations that have been tested for other reasons of deviation, exceeds the free injection / withdrawal capacity, the engineer of the commercial dispatching department rejects or confirms with reduction such nomination / renomination. Reduction/rejection shall be done in the following merit order:

* Individual day-ahead service of injection/withdrawal
* Individual service of injection/withdrawal for month.

If the services have the same provision duration, the reduction shall be made in the order of nominations/renominations receipt.

In case of nominations / renominations rejection due to the lack of free injection / withdrawal capacity, the engineer of the commercial dispatching department marks the field "lack of technical capability" in the SSO’s Information Platform.

**Section 3. Customers reporting via official website of JSC Ukrtransgaz**

The information on free injection / withdrawal capacity which is available for allocation among the Customers for the current day and the day ahead is communicated via the website of Ukrtransgaz JSC www.utg.ua, in the section "Business-info"> "Free capacities" by integration with the SSO’s information platform and is updated each time after the nomination / renomination procedure is completed. The information is submitted to the corporate communications department in htm / html format.