



Extension of the Use of the AS2 Communication Protocol

Article 21 of European Commission Regulation 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules defines, among others, methods for communication between the Transmission System Operator and network users. NET4GAS has made an application to the Energy Regulatory Office in which it requested that it be allowed to continue to communicate using the AS2 protocol until 31 January 2018. The Energy Regulatory Office has accepted the application. It will be therefore permissible to continue to use the AS2 communication protocol during the transitional period ending on the above date.

The ramifications of the foregoing are as follows:

- Network users who already communicate with the TSO via the AS2 protocol will be able to use this communication method throughout the approved transitional period, i.e. until 31 January 2018, inclusive.
- Network users communicating with the TSO via AS2 or a different data-transfer solution will be able to switch to AS4 during the approved transitional period.
- Network users who have not established a communication channel with the TSO will be able to do so via AS4 during the approved transitional period.

In addition to the above, the following methods can be used for communication between NET4GAS and network users:

- The http/s-SOAP protocol can be used for integrated data exchange.
- The http/s protocol can be used for interactive data exchange.