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### **Information with regard to the balancing services procured and the related costs incurred**

For the purposes of the balancing service within the meaning of BAL NC and the Gas Market Rules, a gas purchase and sale contract has been entered into for the period starting on 1 July 2016 and ending on 31 December 2016. The contract was awarded to a contractor selected in a contracting procedure in conformity to the Public Contracts Act. Based on instructions given by the Transmission System Operator, the contractor either buys from the Transmission System Operator excess gas, or sells to the Transmission System Operator missing gas. Consequently, the contract entails costs only if the balancing service is used. The balancing service was agreed for 20,000 MWh per day.

In conformity to BAL NC and the Gas Market Rules, the balancing service may only be used in case that a balancing action that is necessary cannot be carried out using a higher-priority instrument, specifically the purchase or sale of gas on the gas market organized by the market operator. Cases in which the balancing service may be used include situations where the market organized by the market operator is temporarily unavailable, for example due to a system failure, or where the gas price on the market organized by the market operator grows too fast, and the price limit laid down in Annex 8 to the Gas Market Rules is attained.

During the period in question, the abovementioned conditions for using the balancing services were not met, and, consequently, the contract was not resorted to. Accordingly, the cost of using the balancing service was therefore zero. However, at one time, a short technical unavailability of the market organized by OTE was recorded, and, considering the possibility that the price limit may be reached as part of the conduct of a balancing action, the Transmission System Operator considers it necessary to maintain the option to make use of the balancing service.