

Pursuant to Article 9.6 of the Incorporation Act of GASTRANS Limited Liability Company Novi Sad (hereinafter: “the **Company**”) and Article 22 of the Network Code dated April 03, 2020, as approved by the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia by Decision No. 236/2020-D-01/3 dated May 15, 2020, the Company Directors, on December 27, 2024, rendered the following

## **DECISION ON THE FORMATION OF THE USERS' COMMITTEE**

### **Scope of the Decision**

#### **Article 1**

The Company shall establish the Users' Committee as its advisory body.

### **Authorisations of the Users' Committee**

#### **Article 2**

The Users' Committee shall have the following authorisations:

- 1) monitoring the implementation of the Network Code and notifying the Company on the implementation of the Network Code, the manner of provision of Gas Transmission Services and other services in connection with transport, operational conditions of the Pipeline and Gastrans Electronic Data Platform and the possibilities of their improvement;
- 2) drafting the Proposal for Amendment of the Network Code and submitting it to the Company;
- 3) providing its opinion on the Proposal for Amendment of the Network Code during public consultations; and
- 4) advising the Company on the views of the Users' Committee members on the Proposal for Amendment of the Network Code submitted to the Company by one or more Users or interested parties, if so required by the Transporter to evaluate the acceptability of the Proposal for Amendment of the Network Code.

### **Number of Members of the Users' Committee**

#### **Article 3**

The Users' Committee shall consist of 6 (six) members.

Each member shall have a single representative in the Users' Committee.

### **Appointment of Members**

#### **Article 4**

3 (three) Users' Committee members shall be appointed among Users with Long-Term GTA for a duration exceeding one (1) year.

The remaining 3 (three) members of the Users' Committee shall be appointed by the Company among Users who:

- 1) have submitted the application for membership in the Users' Committee,
- 2) have had the greatest quantity of Contracted Capacities in the previous 2 (two) Gas Years, in the individual duration of no more than 1 (one) Gas Year and
- 3) have not executed a Long-Term GTA with the Company at the time of their appointment for Users' Committee membership.

If two or more Users have the same quantity of Contracted Capacities, the User who first submitted the application shall be appointed as member, and if the number of Users is fewer than 4 (four), the Company shall appoint all Users who applied for membership from the list, whereby the missing members shall be appointed in the event of additional applications.

### **Application for Membership**

#### **Article 5**

Each User with a signed Short-Term GTA shall be entitled to apply for Users' Committee membership.

Application for membership shall be signed electronically and submitted to the Company via e-mail.

The Company has published the application form on its website.

### **Application for First Membership**

#### **Article 6**

The first Users' Committee membership application shall be submitted no later than 35 days from the date of publishing the application form on the Company website.

10 days from the expiry of the deadline from the above paragraph 1, the Company shall publish the following on its website:

- 1) the list of Users who applied for membership in the Users' Committee;
- 2) the venue and date of the first ordinary session of the Users' Committee; and
- 3) the deadline for submission of proposals for the appointment of Users' Committee members.

**Appointment of the first members**

**Article 7**

If within 8 (eight) days before the first session from Article 6 paragraph 2 item 2) hereof the applicants propose 3 (three) candidates for the Users' Committee membership, the Company representative shall appoint the proposed candidates as members of the Users' Committee at the first session, if such proposal was signed by the majority of the total number of applicants registered on the list at the date of the expiry of the application submission deadline.

If the applicants fail to submit a proposal or propose fewer than 3 (three) candidates for the Users' Committee membership, the Company shall appoint all proposed candidates as members of the Users' Committee at the first session, and the missing members shall be appointed from the list of applicants according to the date of application submission, starting from the earliest one.

If fewer than 3 (three) Users apply within the deadline given, the Company shall appoint all applicants from the list for members of the Users' Committee, and the missing members shall be appointed upon the receipt of additional applications.

The Transporter shall appoint 3 (three) Users' Committee members who signed a Long-Term GTA at the first session.

**Mandate of members**

**Article 8**

The mandate of Users' Committee members shall be two (2) years.

**Termination of mandate**

**Article 9**

The mandate of Users' Committee members shall be terminated before the period specified in Article 8 hereof when a member so demands, when the Short-Term GTA signed with a member appointed pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 8 hereof expires, or when such User signs a Long-Term GTA.

In case of premature termination of mandate, the mandate of the new member of the Users' Committee shall last until the termination of the mandates of the remaining Users' Committee members.

**Other participants**

**Article 10**

The Company shall appoint its representative in the Users' Committee, without voting rights.

In addition to the members of the Users' Committee, the following persons may take part in its operation without voting rights: representative of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia, representative of the transmission system operator, representative of the distribution system operator, and the representative of the natural gas storage facility operator, provided that such transmission system, distribution system and natural gas storage facility are directly connected to the GASTRANS d.o.o. Novi Sad transmission system.

**Manner of operation**

**Article 11**

The manner of operation of the Users' Committee, as well as the member voting procedure, shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure for the Users' Committee.

The Users' Committee shall render and adopt the Rules of Procedure for the Users' Committee during its first session.

**Entry into force**

**Article 12**

This Decision shall come into force as of the date of its execution.

Gastrans d.o.o. Novi Sad

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Dušan Bajatović, Director

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