HERA's e-mail instruction (Q2 2023)

Dear Sir/Madam,

pursuant to Article 35 of the Act on Regulation of Energy Activities (Official Gazette no. 120/12 and 68/18), we are inviting you to deliver completed questionnaire for energy activity of supply and/or trade of gas from the attachment, and for the 2nd quarter of 2023.

As per the Act on Introduction of Euro as Official Currency in Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette no. 57/22), as of 01 January 2023 official currency of payment in the Republic of Croatia is euro, therefore all prices in the Questionnaire must be expressed in EURO.

In the attached questionnaires, the data realized on sale of gas on **retail market** are requested – number of buyers, sold quantities and average weighted (Cro. *ponderirane*) gas prices, as well as realized data on the gas **wholesale market**, i.e., data on procurement of gas and sale of gas on wholesale market.

We also emphasize that all trades for the needs of the gas transport system balancing are also to be evidenced as procurement (Cro. *nabava*) or sale on trading platform.

Further on, data on procurement/sale of gas on the market outside of the Republic of Croatia refer to the import/export of gas to/from the Republic of Croatia, wherein the countries from which the gas has been procured and the countries to which the gas has been delivered are to be specified.

Also, in **Chapter VI.**, it is necessary to fill in the data on the **structure of the retail gas price** for individual categories of end consumers, i.e., for:

- 1. End consumers of HOUSEHOLDS category, and that separately for end consumers which are using PUBLIC SERVICE of gas supply and end consumers which are buying gas under the market conditions,
- 2. End consumers which are not households i.e., ENTREPRENEURS, and that separately for end consumers on DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM and end consumers or TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.

In this chapter, the data on the **price of procured gas** (EUR/kWh) which represents average weighted price of gas procured on the Croatian market and from import, for the needs of gas supply of individual categories of end consumers are requested. If the price of gas in line with gas procurement agreement contains some of the connected costs such as the cost of transport, storage and other connected costs, the same must be confirmed by choosing "YES" in the falling data options, and for the costs which are not contained in the gas procurement price, it is necessary to choose "NO". If the procurement of gas for more categories of end consumers is contracted with one gas procurement agreement, the same gas procurement price is stated for these categories of end consumers.

Further on, the data on **connected costs of gas system usage** are requested – costs of storage, transport and distribution of gas (EUR/kWh) which arise from the agreement that the gas supplier has entered into with system operators.

In Chapter VII, it is necessary to fill in the data on the types of the agreements and the manner of contracting the prices of gas for individual categories of end consumers – end consumers – HOUSEHOLDS which are buying gas as per market conditions and end consumers which are not households (ENTREPRENEURS), wherein it is necessary to list a number of end consumers with which a specific type of the agreement has been entered into, as per individual categories of end consumers.

Additionally, we emphasize that in a separate sheet of the questionnaire "2. kvartal_2023_bez Uredbe" ("2nd Quarter_2023_without Regulation"), it is necessary to show data on the quantity of gas and average weighted prices on retail and wholesale gas market, which does not include data referring to the quantities of gas and the prices as per Regulation on Removal of Disruption on Domestic Market (Official gazette no. 104/22, 106/22, 121/22 and 156/22) and the Decision on the Price and Allocation of Capacity of Natural Gas which Hrvatska elektroprivreda d.d. has taken over from the Natural Gas Producer (Official gazette no. 122/22, and which must be encompassed by the data in the questionnaire's sheet "2. kvartal_2023" ("2nd Quarter_2023").

We emphasize that HERA shall not publish data collected based on our questionnaire separately/individually, but only as average data for all suppliers and traders of gas for individual category of end consumers.

We point out that the requested data must be inserted only in the **yellow and blue fields of the questionnaires**, while the data shall not be inserted in the grey and green fields.

If in the **2nd quarter of 2023**, you did not have any sales or purchases on the Croatian market, we kindly ask you to send us empty questionnaire but with the completed Chapter I – **General Part** only.

We emphasize that the data on consumption of gas in the attached Questionnaire must be expressed at the upper calorific value (Hg), given the application of the same from 01 October 2022.

Following the above, please deliver the requested data in the electronic excel form (aaa.xlsx) latest by 28 July 2023 to the e-mail address plin@hera.hr, and the originals signed by the responsible person via regular post to the address of Hrvatska energetska regulatorna agencija, Ulica grada Vukovara 14, 10000 Zagreb.

Kind regards.

Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency