



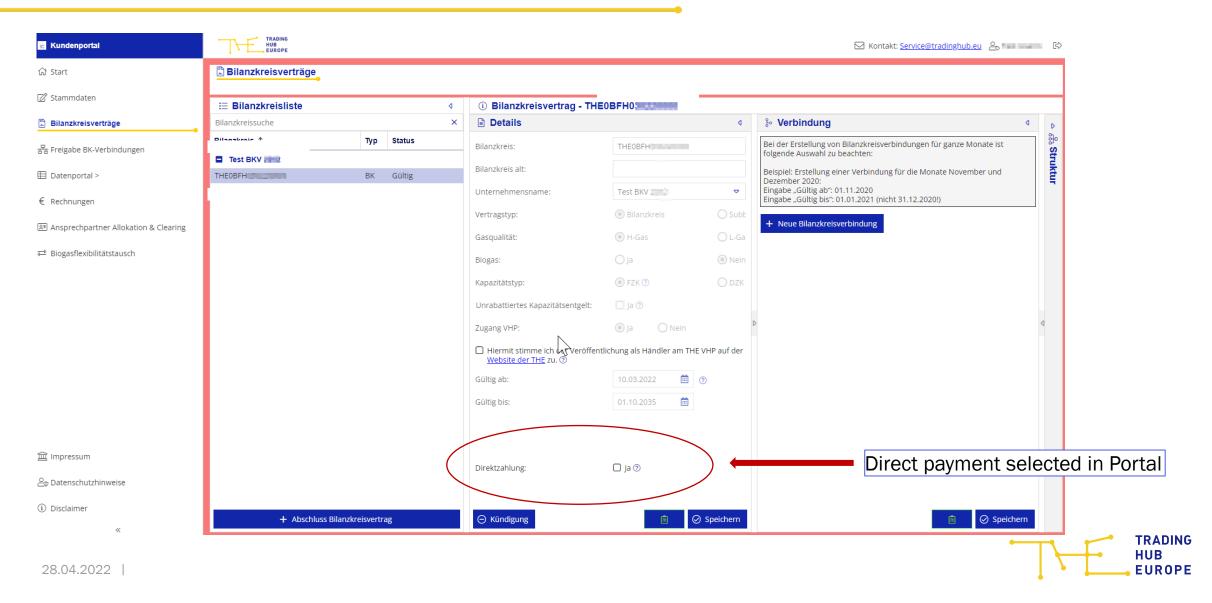


Direct payment model for charges

- Subordinate balancing group (SBG) managers have the option to pay
 - SLP charges
 - RLM charges
 - Conversion neutrality charges directly.
- In the MAM portal, the BGM can select the direct payment option with a lead time of at least 20 working days before day 1 of the next contract month.
- The arrangement can be terminated with at least 10 working days' notice before the next contract month.
- Time series SLPUMLüber, RLMUMLüber and KONVUMLüber do not contain quantities from BGs paying directly.
- The SBG manager concerned becomes the master balancing group (MBG) manager responsible for these charges (direct payer).
- The SBG has an obligation to inform its BGM if it opts for or terminates the direct payment option.



Direct payment model for charges



Direct payment model for charges – Liability rules

- All subordinate balancing groups belonging directly to the direct payer are liable for the amount of the charges attributable to their respective balancing group.
- The subordinate balancing groups concerned are subsequently billed by the market area manager as if there had been no connection between the balancing groups and the designated master balancing group for the period of the outstanding receivables.
- Billing will take place no earlier than 15 working days after the designated balancing group manager has defaulted on payment.



Deadline for balancing group connection/disconnection and new quality-specific BG balance data series

Connection of balancing groups (section 5 (2) and (3) of Annex 5)

 The notice period for balancing groups connections or disconnections has been reduced from 10 to 5 working days.

New quality-specific BG balance data series

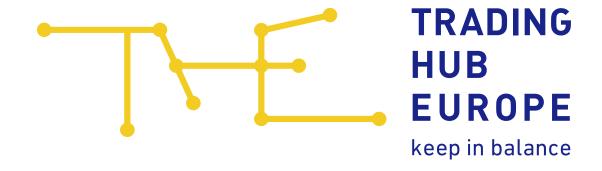
- Introduction of new data series types: BKHSALDüber / BKLSALDüber /Sent via TRANOT messages.
- Transmission of the quality-specific balance time series BKHSALD & BKLSALD to the BGM for better traceability of BG billing by the MBG



Prematching process at VTP

- BGMs can submit nominations for several days in advance
 - On the gas day on which the nominations are received, the MAM already checks the available nominations for all gas days of the current month and the subsequent month.
 - The MAM then submits the result of the check (matching result) to the BGM.
 - If no renomination is sent to the MAM, the matching result remains unchanged.
- If there is a renomination, the MAM performs another check and submits the matching result to the BGMs concerned.





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