

Nr.:	Question	Answer
1	Will you accept index priced offers?	No, we only accept fixed prices in EUR/MWh with short feedback. No index possible.
2	Who is the Buyer?	Contract party and buyer is THE.
3	If the title transfer is within the storage facility why would the Seller need withdrawal capacity?	We need the withdrawal rate because our counterpart will keep the storage agreement and would have to nominate the storage, at least in the beginning.
4	What are the payment terms?	Payment is within 10 days.
5	If a Bidder meets the minimum credit rating requirements stipulated in the qualifications AND the bidder is NOT a prequalified participant in the Bilateral Balancing Market, does the Bidder need to share Audited financial statements from 2020 or 2021?	If the Bidder meets the minimum credit rating requirements stipulated in the qualifications then its sufficient. Then we don` t need Audited financial statements.
6	How does the NDA protect the confidentiality of the bidders' information?	The NDA is initially used to enable the provider to receive the framework agreement and check it. The framework agreement contains a confidentiality clause that is mutually agreed upon. This would then be decisive.
7	Can loss assumption be limited to direct damage?	Unfortunately, we cannot allow any changes regarding losses.
8	Does the transport connection between terminal and storage have to be proven?	In principle yes. Detailed questions on this would have to be discussed bilaterally if necessary.
9	Would THE like to have insight into the contracts with the LNG vendor?	No, this is not necessary.

10	How is storage verified?	Usually the proof of the nomination of the injection at the storage facility is sufficient.
11	How is the withdrawal verified?	Details on the operational handling of the withdrawal will have to be clarified at a later date. no imbalance is triggered for the customer due to the storage of data.
12	Which balancing group is meant here exactly? "Valid Balancing Group Contract of the "FzK" type in the market area of Trading Hub Europe with access to the Bidder`s VTP."	This refers to the "normal" balancing group contract number which will be used for the transportation and nomination at the storage facility.
13	How can credit ratings be shared?	Send us your rating information if you fall below the minimum rating according to the qualification conditions (see § 4 paragraph 1 last bullet point of the qualification conditions).
14	What is the earliest date of withdrawal?	Peak withdrawal rate would only apply until end of April 2022; if the gas will be in the storage 01 May or later, the withdrawal rate of 1000 MW would apply.
15	How should the maximum withdrawal rate be?	If withdrawal rate would decrease over time by taking gas out of the storage, that would be possible; we would need detailed information on that in connection with your offer.
16	What does the withdrawal capacity of 1000 MW refer to?	The withdrawal rate of 1000 MW applies to 1 TWh of working gas volume.
17	Is it your plan to cycle the storage?	No, by now it is not planned to cycle the storage.
18	After injection, does THE take over the capacity contract as well as the gas?	Assignment of the storage capacities might be a solution at a later point in time, parties can agree on that later on.
19	Does the fixed price refer to the cargo volume?	The fixed price would be in EUR/MWh not per cargo. If the volume ist not fixed we would need also the information about the volume. Please make sure that this information is as exact as possible.

20	Do we need to show transport capacity booking from terminal to German hub (THE)?	You do not need “new” capacity bookings, you can use already booked capacities in your portfolio, but if asked by us you would need to proof that the LNG was transported to and into the storage, e.g. by showing the relevant nominations.
21	Can we regasificaton LNG in UK and if not, what other terminals in Europe are acceptable?	Regasification in UK would be possible.
22	Can we have several storage facilities for storing the gas or does it need to be one facility only? Can it also be several capacity contracts for storage but under one facility?	You can use multiple storages, but we need precise information beforehand which storage is used for which volume.
23	Is there any minimum requirement for injection and withdrawal capacities for the storage?	The minimum rate for injection is up to you but keep in mind the relevant date you give us when the title transfer will be possible. Withdrawal rate shall be min 1000 MW per 1 TWh from May 2022 onwards.
24	Do the storages have to be filled by July 29, 2022?	Yes, title transfer in the storage must take place by end of July 2022 latest.
25	What are the requirements of THE regarding the proof of value chain from the LNG to the storage facility (Bill of lading / TSO nomination that gas was delivered to Germany)?	Proof must be provided by sufficient evidence.
26	As unloading the gas takes 1 day and injection into the storage up to 90 days, is THE able to provide prepayment for the cargo or otherwise which credit support is provided (i.e. governmental guarantee)?	Payment would be possible after the title transfer in the storage, not before that.
27	Is THE taking over the gas <u>and</u> the storage capacity via assignment (incl. the physical restrictions of the storage)?	In the first step THE would get title of the gas; a transfer of the storage capacities might be possible at a later point in time if the parties agree on that.

28	Is our understanding correct, that THE has the obligation to buy and to empty the storage capacity and the gas by 01.04.2023 at 06:00 am on a take or pay basis?	Yes, THE would empty the storage by 01 April 2023 latest or will agree with the relevant parties on any other procedure.
29	When does the title transfer of the gas in the storage capacity take place (daily/monthly/29.June)?	The title transfer will take place at one step when the injection into the storage is completely finished.
30	How much lead time will THE announce to the shippers, before the gas needs to be withdrawn from the storage? It was just mentioned on short term notice.	Lead time for wd: at short notice.
31	The bidders need to provide 24/7 contact details. Is it likely that THE requests the gas out-of-office?	Yes, withdrawal of the gas could be possible at any time (24/7).
32	Are the documents requested by THE sufficient for classification as a qualified bidder scanned by mail?	A scan of the documents is sufficient.
33	Are there requirements for the signatures provided?	The signatures must be provided by persons with verifiable power of representation (e.g. extract from the Commercial Register).
34	What evidence is to be provided regarding LNG ship delivery and regasification?	Regarding LNG, regasification as well as transport and storage, appropriate evidence is required if required; the parties can still exchange views on this afterwards.
35	Can the actual transport be fulfilled alternatively by a swap transaction?	In principle, transport is required; if a part of the transport should be bridged by swap, we must exchange information on this on a case-by-case basis.
36	Are interruptible capacities also suitable for withdrawal?	Offloading at the agreed rate must be ensured, the provider must ensure this; whether this can be ensured on the basis of interruptible capacities must be assessed by the provider.

37	Is it correct that the actual contract for the use of the injected gas will be made available to qualified bidders early next week? Can this possibly still be adjusted?	The contract will be made available after qualification, possible adjustments are conceivable on a smaller scale.
38	When should the completed term sheets be made available? Is this part of the auction? Do you require appropriate authorization credentials for those bidding?	The concrete offers must be provided by the supplier within the framework of a concrete invitation to tender.
39	How does THE ensure confidentiality of data on the part of bidders in connection with the NDA?	THE is obliged by law to treat the information submitted by the market participants as confidential. This includes, in particular, trade and business secrets and the confidential aspects of tenders, including their attachments. Accordingly, in all communications and in the exchange and storage of information, THE will ensure the integrity of data and the confidentiality of expressions of interest, applications and tenders, including their attachments. This information will be kept confidential by THE due to its legal obligation even after the conclusion of the procurement process. Due to this clear legal order, the information security and confidentiality of the information submitted by the bidders is guaranteed. The conclusion of a confidentiality agreement going beyond this is therefore not necessary.
40	Is it possible to advise necessary amendments to the draft NDA?	The NDA was published on the website today in an updated version. This version is final and non-negotiable. We therefore ask you to refrain from sending comments on the NDA.
41	Regarding the extract from the commercial register and its electronic transmission, would a reference/link to the Companies House entry be sufficient?	We would prefer a copy of the document. Alternatively, please send a link that leads directly to the document.

42	Would you consider ABC (anti-bribery and corruption) conditions as a standard compliance procedure, either as part of the contract or as a cover letter, in terms of inclusion as a procedural component?	As part of the tender process, all qualified bidders will have the opportunity to send comments on the framework agreement which we will consider. Please understand that we cannot look at additional terms or conditions regarding the framework agreement at the current stage of the procedure.
43	We would be willing to provide you gas as soon as possible. In order to ensure the earliest possible date, would you accept title transfer to gas we have in storage (which is planned to satisfy our demand in Germany, but we would replace these volumes by LNG transported to the country – internal swap, instead of injecting LNG)?	We have the mandate to procure LNG only and have therefore focused the tender process exclusively on this. Therefore, we cannot accept your proposal in the context of this tender procedure.
44	In the document published on Mar 8, you indicated min withdrawal rates. However, this document is not anymore available at your webpage. Does this mean that the minimum rates will not be required or will be different?	The document published on 8 March 2022 has no relevance to this tender. It is not part of this tender procedure. Only the conditions and documents published on 14 March 2022 are relevant. With regard to the withdrawal rate in this tender, please note that the withdrawal rate will be one of three award criteria (see publication of 14 March 2022). The withdrawal rate will have to be specified by the bidders, whereby the highest rate will receive the highest rating for this criterion. There will be also be minimum rates to be observed by the bidders in this procedure. However, we ask for your understanding that further information on this will only be submitted to the qualified bidders in the next stage of the procedure.
45	Would you accept capacity in Haidach storage facility?	No, only storage facilities located in Germany or the 7 Fields storage facility located in Austria and connected to the German gas grid are accepted.
46	Would a combination of storage capacities in two different storage facilities be allowed for 1 lot?	Yes, that would be possible in principle.