

Introduction of an additional balancing gas product

Trading Hub Europe GmbH (THE) was commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and the Federal Network Agency to develop an additional balancing gas product. The additional balancing gas product focuses on the activation of cut-off potentials of industrial customers for the use of balancing gas and thus enables industrial customers to offer their potential to the market area manager (MAM) as external balancing gas at any time (System Buy). The implementation of the additional balancing gas product takes place within MOL rank 4.

The corresponding product description is to be completed and published in summer 2022. THE plans to introduce the new balancing gas product on 1 October 2022.

The product parameters are shown below (as of 8 July 2022).

Parameter	Additional balancing gas product in the product variant “Rest of the Day“
Provider	Balancing group manager (in the role as prequalified provider for balancing gas)
Description	Short-term bids for the supply of gas (System Buy) to the MAM at one or several metered RLM exit point(s) (RLMoT or RLMmT). Multiple sales are not permitted
Tender process	Input mask for the submission of bids is permanently open (there are no separate tenders but the market will be activated when it is more likely that there will be a call order)
Lot size	Variable, delivery rate of at least 1 MWh/h
Call quantity of the call order	Submitted bid
Point of delivery	At the metered RLM exit point(s)
Classification in balancing zone	Classification in the balancing zone via the postal code of the metered RLM exit point(s).
Pricing	Daily price in case of a call order or commodity charge in EUR/MWh, selectable by the provider
Call lead time	Selectable by the provider
Specification of the number of days of the call order	Gas days D to D+7, selectable by the provider (in case of a call order, single-sided nominations (VTP exit) are performed into the related balancing group for the specified gas days)
Call order	On a short-term basis for the considered gas day
Criteria for call order	Regular product in MOL rank 4