

Trading Hub Europe (THE) is inviting bids for the provision of balancing services in the period from February 2024 and March 2024 in order to meet its long-term balancing requirements in the multi-quality market area of Trading Hub Europe, with bids being requested for the supply of gas by providers (SystemBUY) on a 'Rest-of-the-Day' basis (product variant 'RoD') under the 'Long-Term Options' (LTO) balancing product.

THE is procuring the reserves set out below to increase the security of the gas supply in accordance with the 2015 policy paper on gas supply security published by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate (BMWK).

	February 2024	March 2024
Low CV zone NWG (LNA)	1,034 MWh/h	914 MWh/h
Low CV zones (East (LO), West (LW), GUD-L (LGU))*	-	300 MWh/h

^{*} For L-gas, a cost-optimal acceptance of bids shall be made taking into account the principles of § 5 number 4 (Terms and Conditions for System Balancing Actions).

Contract periods:

Please note that bids are invited separately for each product for each of the following contract periods:

- 1 February 2024, 06:00 hours until 1 March 2024, 06:00 hours
- 1 March 2024, 06:00 hours until 1 April 2024, 06:00 hours

Please note: The maximum number of permitted call days per lot and contract period is 14 gas days.

Bidding period:

If you wish to respond to the above tender invitations, please submit your bids **between 28 November 2023, 12:00 hours and 12 December 2023, 12:00 hours** using our Balancing Services Portal (BSP).

THE will accept bids by **15 December 2023, 12:00 hours** by awarding individual contracts ("System Balancing Transaction Agreements") for the above contract periods.

The terms and conditions of the tenders ("Contractual terms & conditions for balancing gas providers") as well as all other documents required for participation in the tenders can be found in the download area in the section "Downloadcenter THE".

Link to the Terms and Conditions for External System Balancing Actions: <u>Terms and Conditions for External System Balancing Actions</u>

Link to LTO product description: <u>"Long-Term Options"</u>