

## **Joint allocation of capacity between Spain and Portugal in 2012**

Within the South Gas Regional Initiative, coordinated by the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), the regulators and operators of transmission gas networks in Spain and Portugal has developed a harmonized mechanism to allocate interconnection capacity (Tuy-Valença do Minho y Badajoz-Campo Maior)

The joint allocation of interconnection capacity was established in Spain through the *Circular* 2/2012, of 9th of June, and the procedure for 2012 by *Resolución* of 28th of June, approved by CNE; in Portugal the capacity allocation mechanism of RNTGN was approved by ERSE through the *Diretiva* nº 3/2012. The allocation of capacity will pursue the following principles:

- The capacity to be offered in the interconnection is bundled capacity, the same at both sides of the border, to be allocated in a single virtual point, aggregating all physical capacities between Spain and Portugal.
- The capacity that will be auctioned is non contracted capacity or capacity free up by existing contracts voluntary cancellation.
- The allocation will be performed by auctioning annual and monthly products, firm and interruptible.
- Capacity will be allocated from 1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013

Auction detailed rules are established in the document call “Information Memorandum” approved by both regulators (CNE and ERSE) published in the web page of ACER, in the web page of regulators and in the web page of TSOs (Enagas and REN)

The agenda for the joint allocation auction of interconnection capacity in 2012, is also established in the “Information Memorandum” that foresee informative sessions for interested parties, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of July, in Madrid and Lisbon respectively.