

DECISION No. 252/2006

**Amending the criteria and methods on approving prices and setting regulated tariffs
in the natural gas sector**

On the basis of art. 8 let. l) and art. 10 par. (4) and (5) of the Gas Law No. 351/2004;

The president of the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector
issues the present decision:

Art. I – Annex to decision No. 1.078/2003 of the president of the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector approving the Criteria and methods on approving prices and setting regulated tariffs in the natural gas sector, published in Romania's Official Journal, Part I, No. 40 of 19 January 2004, is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (1) of article 4 shall have the following contents:

„Art. 4 – (1) *Storage tariffs* – charge for the services provided for storage capacity reservation and for use of underground storage for an amount corresponding to 1,000 cm natural gas under standard pressure, temperature and natural gas quality conditions as provided by SR 3317 Standard, for a complete storage cycle.”

2. Paragraph (2) of article 4 shall have the following contents:

“Art. 4 – (2) Storage tariffs are set separately for each storage license holder and/or for each underground storage operated by the license storage holder depending on the technical and geological characteristics and on the exploitation regime of each underground storage.”

3. Article 56 shall have the following contents:

“Art. 56 – Storage tariffs are established for each operator and/or underground storage and have the following structure:

$$T_{ds} = RC_{ds} + I_{ds} + E_{ds}$$

where:

T_{ds} - storage tariff;

RC_{ds} – fixed component for reservation of capacity in the underground storage, expressed in lei/1,000 cm/complete storage cycle;

I_{ds} – volume-related component for natural gas input into underground storage, expressed in lei/1,000 cm;

E_{ds} – volume-related component for natural gas offtake from underground storage, expressed in lei/1,000 mc.”

4. Article 83 shall have the following contents:

“Art. 83 – Overall costs recognized by ANRGN when computing the basic income for each underground storage are allocated into fixed costs and variable costs.”

Art. II – The specialized compartments within the National Regulatory Authority in the Natural Gas Sector, as well as licensed operators acting in the natural gas sector will enforce the provisions of the present decision.

Art. III – The present decision is published in Romania's Official Journal, Part I.

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of the National Regulatory Authority
in the Natural Gas Sector**

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