

## EFET response to CRE public consultation n°2022-12

The European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET<sup>1</sup>) welcomes additional capacity from new LNG infrastructure, which would improve Security of Supply to the benefit of the French gas system and indeed more widely. It has been identified that a shortage of capacity for LNG importation and onward transportation has contributed to high gas prices, and additional infrastructure with suitable access terms will help to address this.

Article 36 of the EU Gas Directive (EU 2009/73/EC as amended), as transposed into French law contains a number of conditions that must be satisfied before an exemption may be granted.

The Regulatory Authority must decide on rules and mechanisms for the management and allocation of capacity. These rules must include an invitation to all potential users to indicate interest in contracting capacity. The results of the capacity allocation procedure must be taken into account by the Regulatory Authority in its assessment of other criteria.

EFET supports the views of the CRE in applying these criteria to enable its proper assessment.

EFET members have also commented that the rules and mechanisms should be provided in sufficient detail to allow them to carry out an evaluation of their potential interest that may be more informative to CRE. More complete terms would be required in any case before firm commitments could be made.

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