



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
13TH TERM

484th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 25th session held on 18th May 2022

on Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and Regulation (EC) n°715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to natural gas transmission networks /Senate Print no. N 169/13, COM(2022) 135/

The Senate

- I.
1. **Considers**
it crucial to ensure the security of natural gas supplies as well as sufficient supplies of this energy raw material in storage facilities before the next heating season and perceives positively joint action at EU level in this area;
 2. **Notes**
that the proposed measures must be timely and technically feasible and must take into account the specific conditions in each Member State;
 3. **Is of the opinion**
that a combination of several factors will contribute to gradual phasing out of dependency on natural gas, namely diversification of sources, decarbonisation of sectors, increasing energy efficiency and using of renewable sources and nuclear energy;
 4. **Supports**
the Government's framework position;

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5. Is of the opinion

that Member States should be given more flexibility in achieving the mandatory minimum filling level of gas in storage facilities;

6. Does not consider it appropriate

that the Commission sets indicative targets for individual Member States and agrees with the Government that these targets should rather be set at EU level, particularly with regard to the fact that gas traders also store gas outside the countries in which they operate;

7. Believes

that burden-sharing should not place a disproportionate burden on Member States with large storage capacities;

8. Requests at the same time

that in case of burden-sharing the access of the Member States to the natural gas stored in storage facilities on the territory of another Member State should be clearly guaranteed;

9. Takes a negative stance

on the proposed empowerment of the Commission to adopt a delegated act amending Annex 1b to specify the filling target and a filling trajectory after 2022, as the Senate believes in accordance with the opinion of the Council Legal Service that a dangerous precedent could be set when the Commission can impose new obligations on Member States on the basis of failure to meet non-binding indicative targets, including specific steps leading to fulfilment of the targets;

10. Considers

the certification of storage system operators to be beneficial in terms of ensuring security of gas supply, however, in accordance with the Government, considers it appropriate to extend the proposed deadline of 100 working days from the date of entry into force of this Regulation for the regulatory authority to take a decision on granting certification;

11. Shares the Government's concern

with regard to the negative impact on end consumers caused by a discount of 100% applied to capacity-based transmission tariffs at entry points from and exit points to storage facilities which may increase the regulated part of the gas payment;

12. Supports the Government

in introduction of an incentive regime for gas traders, particularly in the form of financial incentives, state compensation or loans, to ensure timely and proper filling of supply facilities on the territory of the Czech Republic;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st August 2022 about the way this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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