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Answer to question No. 1 from “Consultation on an EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storage”

To whom it may concern,

AB „Achema” as the biggest single natural gas consumer and a member of the largest industrial conglomerate called “Achema Group” within Baltic countries also a member of CEEP organization (Central European Energy Partner) strongly advocates the alternative natural gas procurement possibilities within the region. On the other hand, late implementation of 3rd Energy Package in Latvia strangles region’s natural gas procurement flexibility as Latvian’s underground natural gas storage cannot be fully utilized by all natural gas consumers within all Baltic states.

According to the study „ANALYSIS OF COSTS AND BENEFITS OF REGIONAL LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS SOLUTION IN THE EAST-BALTIC AREA, INCLUDING PROPOSAL FOR LOCATION AND TECHNICAL OPTIONS UNDER THE BALTIC ENERGY MARKET INTERCONNECTION PLAN” performed on behalf of European Commission, regional LNG terminal

with the regasification capacity of 4 billion cubic meters per annum would be sufficient enough for all Baltic states, even including Finland. With exactly the same regasification capacity already existing LNG terminal in Klaipėda **already** provided the security of supply of natural gas to the consumers **within all Baltic States**, while the costs of the above mentioned LNG terminal has to be covered by natural gas consumers **only within Lithuania**.

So therefore AB „Achema” **strongly disagrees with an idea with additional regional LNG terminal in Finland** and believes that LNG terminal in Klaipėda should become integrated part of Baltic countries’ natural gas transmission system (Become a regional) as it already has the potential to provide full natural gas supply and if needed energy safety to all Baltic states as well as alternative natural gas supply to Poland’s North – East territory (see picture above). Additional harmonization of market rules and regulations should be also implemented.



Yours sincerely,

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