



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FLEXIBLE STORAGE CAPACITY FOR STORAGE PERIOD 2025–2026 AND TENDER CONDITIONS



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UNDER THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SETTING OUT COMMERCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE STORAGE FACILITY OF NAFTA SPEICHER INZENHAM GMBH

I. OFFER

NAFTA Speicher Inzenham GmbH (hereinafter “*NAFTA Inzenham*”), as a Storage System Operator (hereinafter the “SSO”), invites parties to apply for access to and use of the Firm Flexible Storage Capacity.

Firm Flexible Storage Capacity service enables the Customer to inject and withdraw natural gas to/from the Storage Facility all year round with a 2-hour re-nomination lead time. The exception is the period from 1 November 2025 until 30 November 2025 and the period from 1 April 2026 until 18 April 2026 when injection is not allowed.

The Storage Capacity will be tendered among all interested gas market participants (hereinafter the “*Applicants*”).

Gas Storage Agreement, under which Firm Flexible Storage Capacity is allocated, will be concluded with the successful Applicants. Please see **the following related documents** where the terms and conditions pertaining to this storage service are stipulated.

- a. **Draft Gas Storage Agreement**, which shall be concluded between the SSO and the successful Applicants;
- b. **General Terms and Conditions** setting out commercial terms and conditions for access to and use of the Storage Facility (hereinafter the “*General Terms and Conditions*”);
- c. **Technical Conditions** for access to and use of the Storage Facility (hereinafter the “*Technical Conditions*”); and
- d. **Operational Manual** setting out operational conditions for access to and use of the Storage Facility (hereinafter the “*Operational Manual*”).

II. FIRM FLEXIBLE STORAGE CAPACITY

Firm Flexible Storage Capacity is offered in the total amount of **1,017,000 MWh** for the Storage Period **from 22 May 2025 until 18 April 2026**.

A. STANDARD BUNDLED UNIT (SBU)

PARAMETERS OF 1 SBU (90 IN TOTAL)

Maximum Working Volume	11,300 MWh
Maximum Injection Rate	4.25 MW
Maximum Withdrawal Rate	6.00 MW

The Injection and Withdrawal Rates are determined by the following Injection and Withdrawal Rate Curve.

The Injection Rate will be provided at the maximum level if the Storage Account fullness is within the range of 0% – 80% (incl.) of the Maximum Working Volume. For a Storage Account fullness between 80% and 100% of the Maximum Working Volume, the Injection Rate linearly decreases down to the level of 1.60 MW. The injection in the month of November 2025 and April 2026 is excluded.

The Withdrawal Rate will be provided at the maximum level if the Storage Account fullness is within the range of 100% – 55% (incl.) of the Maximum Working Volume. For a Storage Account fullness between 55% and 14% (incl.) of the Maximum Working Volume, the available Withdrawal Rate linearly decreases from 6.00 MW down to the level of 2.00 MW. For a Storage Account fullness between 14% and 0% of the Maximum Working Volume, the available Withdrawal Rate linearly decreases from 2.00 MW down to the level of 1.55 MW.

B. DELIVERY POINT

The Storage Facility is connected to the German market area “Trading Hub Europe”.

The connection point between the Storage Facility and the Interconnected Network is the connection point “Inzenham-West USP”.

C. MANDATORY FILLING LEVELS

The successful Applicant shall be aware of the legislation on filling requirements for gas storage facilities. According to the sections 35a et seqq. of the Energy Industry Act (“*EnWG*”), gas storages shall reach certain filling levels on 1 November and 1 February of each calendar year. The operators of gas storage facilities shall offer firm storage capacities to Trading Hub Europe GmbH (“*THE*”) if one or more of the storage users do not use their booked (firm) working gas volume to the extent required to reach the relevant filling levels. This may require excluding storage users who do not sufficiently use their capacity rights from (further) using (part of) their booked (firm) capacity rights for the remaining part of the relevant storage year. These statutory requirements shall be addressed in the storage contracts, therefore the Gas Storage Agreement which shall be concluded with the successful Applicant already contains the respective provisions and these shall be accepted by the successful Applicant.

(For more details, please see the Annex No. 1: Draft Gas Storage Agreement.)

D. STORAGE FEES

The successful Applicant shall be obliged to pay the Storage Price for the Storage Capacity for the entire Storage Period, as well as the Variable Storage Fee.

The Storage Price for the entire Storage Period shall be calculated by multiplying the Unit Storage Price and the Maximum Working Volume.

In addition to the Storage Price, the successful Applicant shall be obliged to pay **the Variable Storage Fee** applied to those injected gas volumes, which in aggregate during the Storage Period exceed the volume corresponding to 100% of Maximum Working Volume and to those withdrawn gas volumes, which in aggregate during the Storage Period exceed the volume corresponding to 100% of Maximum Working Volume. The Variable Storage Fee shall be calculated in accordance with the formula stipulated in the Draft Gas Storage Agreement.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. GENERAL

- Further details and the supporting documents to the tender will be published on NAFTA Inzenham website.
- The Application period will last at least three (3) hours during which the Applicants may submit their bids using the Application.
- An Applicant may submit maximum two binding, irrevocable and duly signed Applications by email.
- All Applicants will be informed by email about the outcome of their Application within 30 minutes of the Application period closing.

- Applicants, who have not yet been evaluated under the due diligence procedure based on the “Know Your Customer” (“KYC”) Questionnaire by any company within the Energetický a průmyslový holding, a.s. Group, shall undergo this procedure with NAFTA Inzenham before submitting the Application.
- Based on the creditworthiness assessment of the registered Applicants, NAFTA Inzenham shall be entitled to request security from the successful Applicants in accordance with Article 8 of the General Terms and Conditions.

B. REGISTRATION

All Applicants shall register for this Tender by sending an email to storage@nafta-speicher.de.

NAFTA Inzenham sales team will confirm the acceptance of the registration.

C. APPLICATION PERIOD

In the Application delivered within the Application period, the Applicant shall specify the following:

- The number of Standard Bundled Units requested by the Applicant, complying with the minimum booking requirement of one (1) SBU;
- The Unit Storage Price for 1 MWh of the requested Storage Capacity rounded to two (2) decimal places.

D. AFTER THE APPLICATION PERIOD

I. THE EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The SSO shall prioritize the Applications based on the proposed Unit Storage Price. If there is no difference between two or more Applications, the pro-rata mechanism shall apply. All other essentials contained in the Applications shall remain unchanged and valid.

Applicants shall be informed of **the outcome of their Application(s) within 30 minutes** after the Application period closes, in accordance with the above-mentioned non-discriminatory rules.

II. THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT(S)

The Applicant, to whom the SSO has allocated Firm Flexible Storage Capacity, shall enter into a Gas Storage Agreement with the SSO.

The Applicant must conclude the Gas Storage Agreement with NAFTA Inzenham no later than 10 days after receiving the notification of Firm Flexible Storage Capacity allocation. If the Gas Storage Agreement is not concluded within this period, the received Application and the SSO's notification of Firm Flexible Storage Capacity allocation shall be deemed the Gas Storage Agreement, as specified in Annex No. 1 to this Invitation and Tender Conditions.

IV. TEMPORARY AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

A. THE STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATOR'S RESERVED RIGHTS

- The SSO reserves the right to alter the overall allocated volume or to not allocate any volume at all, based on total volume requested by the Applicants and the parameters of their individual bids.
- The SSO has the right to reject an Application if it fails to comply with all requirements set out in the Tender Conditions, General Terms and Conditions, Technical Conditions, Operational Manual and other applicable legal regulations or if the Unit Storage Price proposed in the Application for the offered Storage Capacity is lower than the minimum Unit Storage Price set out in the internal rules.
- The SSO has the right to request additional information or documentation from the Applicant and to check whether the information about the Applicant is accurate, using third-party sources in the public domain.
- The SSO shall have the right to cancel or amend the terms and conditions of this Invitation and Tender Conditions or to publish a new invitation at any time.

B. WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

Words and expressions not defined in this document will have the meanings assigned to them in the General Terms and Conditions.

C. LANGUAGE

This Invitation and Tender Conditions are published in English version only.

V. CONTACT DETAILS

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VI. ANNEXES

Annex No. 1 – Draft Gas Storage Agreement