

EASEE-gas position statement on communication continuity

(BRUSSELS, 28 February 2015) The EASEE-gas Business Process Working Group was assigned to investigate a fall-back solution for the standard EDIG@S communication in case of a general outage of internet.¹

Following assessment of all technical options, the Working Group came to the conclusion that using a new technology (QR code) could be a suitable alternative communication method (phone, fax over PSTN). However, the costs of using QR code were deemed as rather expensive to be implemented by all companies.

Therefore, the Business Process Working Group decided not to proceed with a CBP on this matter. Instead, the Working Group encourages all stakeholders participating in the EDIG@S communication process to evaluate the need of setting-up a *contingency process* (i.e. a list/prioritization of processes which needs to be maintained). Such a contingency process could primarily focus on lowering operational risks and secondarily on lowering commercial risks:

- the operational risk means the risk affecting the physical process for the transport and delivery of gas;
- the commercial risk means the risk affecting the commercial title transfer transaction among market parties and/or the business process for the transport and delivery of gas.

The EASEE-gas Business Process Working Group believes that if companies put in place a contingency process, the communication process will be sufficiently ensured in case of internet failure.

Should you require more information on this matter, please feel to contact the EASEE-gas secretariat in Brussels.

About EASEE-gas:

EASEE-gas (European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange - gas) was set up in 2002 in order to develop and promote business practices to simplify and streamline both physical gas transfer and trading across Europe. EASEE-gas presently has 92 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 30 associate members (industry associations, regulators, government agencies, etc). For more information, please visit www.easee-gas.eu or contact the office in Brussels.

¹ More information related to the different protocol can be found in the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange and in the EASEE-gas CBP 2007-001/01.