



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË
**ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
BOARD**
DECISION

No. 250, dated 3 September 2026

ON

**THE APPROVAL OF THE STANDARD LICENCE FOR THE OPERATION OF
SMALL-SCALE CNG FACILITIES**

Pursuant to Article 16 of Law No. 59/2026 “On the Power Sector”; Articles 16, 22(2), letter “f”, and 23 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended; and Articles 15 and 26 of the Regulation on ERE Organisation, Operation and Procedures, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 96, dated 17 June 2016; the ERE Board, at its meeting held on 3 September 2026, after reviewing Report No. 1527/1, dated 1 September 2026, prepared by the Technical Directorates, “On the approval of certain amendments to the Regulation on the Procedures and Time Limits for the Issuance, Amendment, Transfer, Renewal, Recognition and Revocation of Licences in the Natural Gas Sector, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 97, dated 4 July 2017, and the approval of Standard Licences for the operation of small-scale LNG/CNG facilities”;

The ERE Board found that:

- By ERE Board Decision No. 126, dated 6 May 2026, ERE initiated the procedure for the approval of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities.
- The initiation of the procedure for the approval of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities was considered necessary following the amendments to Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, adopted by Law No. 81/2021, which, inter alia, provided in Article 22 that the operation of small-scale CNG facilities is an activity subject to a licence issued by ERE.
- For the purposes of the Board’s decision-making, the approval of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities is addressed separately from the approval of the additions and amendments to the Licensing Regulation and from the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale LNG facilities, since each of these acts has a distinct subject matter and regulatory content.
- The drafted Standard Licence sets out the conditions for carrying out the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, the rights and obligations of the Licensee, the requirements for carrying out the Licensed Activity, reporting, use of information, regulatory fees, supervision of the performance of the activity, amendment and revocation of the Licence, and dispute resolution, in accordance with the legal and regulatory framework in force.
- The Standard Licence requires the Licensee to design, construct, operate and maintain small-scale CNG facilities in accordance with applicable national and international technical standards, including ISO standards and European Standards (EN), as well as the technical rules for pressure equipment, explosion protection (ATEX), fire protection and industrial safety.

- The Standard Licence Conditions also require the Licensee to have compressors, pressure vessels, pipeline systems, safety valves and other technological equipment certified in accordance with European Union standards and Albanian legislation on pressure equipment, and to ensure that the facility is equipped with automatic Emergency Shutdown Systems (ESD), gas leak detection systems, fire and explosion protection systems, adequate technical ventilation, safety signage and areas classified in accordance with ATEX requirements.
- The Standard Licence requires the Licensee to ensure that the facility is operated by personnel trained and certified for operations involving natural gas and pressure equipment, to draw up and implement emergency plans, evacuation procedures and response measures for industrial incidents, to carry out periodic technical inspections, and to immediately report to ERE and the competent institutions any technical incident, gas leak, explosion or high-risk situation.
- In implementation of the public consultation procedure, by official letter No. 1682, dated 25 May 2026, ERE notified the interested parties of the initiation of the procedure for the approval of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, namely: the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE); the Combined Natural Gas Operator “ALBGAS” sh.a.; the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate (ISHTI); the Ministry of Finance (MF); the Competition Authority (AK); “Albpetrol” sh.a.; and the Independent Natural Gas Transmission System Operator (TAP AG), giving them the opportunity to submit their opinions and comments on the proposed amendments to the Regulation.
- ERE also published a notice in two newspapers with nationwide circulation, namely “Tema” and “Panorama”, on 8 July 2026 and 9 July 2026, respectively.
- At the conclusion of the consultation process, it was found that “SOCAR Gas Albania”, by e-mail dated 12 June 2026, had submitted comments and requests for clarification concerning the draft acts published for consultation. With regard to the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, “SOCAR Gas Albania” requested clarification concerning the scope of the activity covered by this Licence, particularly in relation to the transport and/or distribution of CNG. In particular, the company requested clarification as to whether the import of CNG for decompression and subsequent sale constitutes an activity covered by the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities or requires a separate natural gas trading licence.
- In response to this request for clarification, ERE assessed that the subject matter and scope of application of the Standard Licence have been defined in accordance with Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, and the regulatory acts adopted for its implementation. The Standard Licence is not intended to establish a new licensing regime or to alter the categories of activities that, under the legislation in force, are subject to licensing by ERE.
- Consequently, the carrying out of any other licensable activity, including natural gas transport, distribution or trading, must be assessed in accordance with the relevant licensing requirements and the conditions laid down in the legislation in force and ERE’s regulatory acts. The inclusion of an activity within the operation of a small-scale CNG facility does not automatically encompass other licensable activities and does not constitute an exemption from the obligation to obtain the relevant licence where such a requirement is provided for by the legal framework in force.
- Furthermore, in the context of the requests for clarification submitted in relation to the CNG Standard Licence, “SOCAR Gas Albania” requested clarification of the term “transport service provided to customers”, seeking to clarify whether downstream pipelines through which gas is delivered to customers fall within the scope of the facility Licence as part of the transport activity, or whether a separate authorisation is required for their construction and operation, as well as whether this service may also be provided to suppliers and not only to

customers.

- ERE also assessed that the inclusion of vehicles, equipment or infrastructure in the provision of this service does not, in itself, determine the licensing or authorisation regime applicable to them. The construction, ownership and operation of the relevant infrastructure shall be assessed in accordance with its nature and function, as well as the requirements and authorisations provided for under the legislation and regulatory framework in force. The definition of the term “transport service provided to customers” is not intended to predetermine whether specific infrastructure forms part of the facility Licence or is subject to a separate authorisation regime.
- Following the review of this request for clarification, the definition of the term “transport service provided to customers” was included in the definitions section of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities.
- The review of the comments submitted shows that, with the exception of the comment concerning the “transport service provided to customers”, which has been reflected in the Standard Licence, the other comments are primarily clarificatory in nature regarding the scope of the Licensed Activity and its relationship with other regulated activities and do not require further amendments to the text of the Standard Licence.
- Following the review of the comments and suggestions submitted during the consultation procedure, and the incorporation of the amendment considered necessary, the approval of the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities ensures the completion and updating of ERE’s regulatory framework in accordance with the categories of licensable activities provided for by Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, as well as the regulatory licensing framework for this activity, for which the Regulation on licensing procedures and time limits in the natural gas sector sets out the application requirements and documentation, the duration of the Licence, the review procedure and the relevant fees.

**For all of the above, the ERE Board,
DECIDES:**

1. To approve the Standard Licence for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities (attached hereto).
2. The Natural Gas Regulation Directorate shall notify the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE); the Combined Natural Gas Operator “ALBGZ” sh.a.; the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate (ISHTI); the Ministry of Finance (MF); the Competition Authority (AK); “Albpetrol” sh.a.; the Independent Natural Gas Transmission System Operator (TAP AG); and “SOCAR Gas Albania” of this ERE Board Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Any party involved in this procedure may request ERE to review this ERE Board Decision within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date on which it becomes aware of the Decision, where it has obtained new evidence that may lead the Board to reach a decision different from the previous one or where material errors have been identified. An appeal against this Decision may be lodged with the Administrative Court of Tirana within 45 (forty-five) calendar days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**ERE CHAIRMAN
Petrir AHMETI**



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË

ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Approved by ERE Board Decision No. 250, dated 3 September 2026

LICENCE

**FOR THE
OPERATION OF SMALL-SCALE CNG FACILITIES**

Licence issued to: _____

NUIS: _____

Licence No.: _____

Series: _____

Effective Date: _____

Duration: _____

Pursuant to the powers conferred by Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) hereby grants this Licence (the “Licence”) to the above-mentioned legal person (hereinafter referred to as the “Licensee”) for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, subject to the Licence Conditions attached hereto and forming an integral part of this Licence, as well as to any conditions established by the relevant ERE Board Decision.

This Licence shall enter into force on the date specified above and shall remain valid for the period for which it is granted, unless revoked, suspended or terminated earlier by ERE in accordance with the Licence Conditions, the relevant ERE Board Decision, or the provisions of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.

ERE CHAIRMAN

LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SMALL-SCALE CNG FACILITIES

Article 1 General Provisions

ERE is the sole authority in the Republic of Albania designated under Chapter III, Section I of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, to issue this Licence and declare its entry into force.

1. If any condition of this Licence becomes null or voidable, or ceases to have effect, that condition shall be removed from the Licence and the remaining Licence Conditions shall continue to have full force and effect.
2. In the event of a transfer of the Licence, the Licensee shall immediately notify ERE.
3. ERE has the exclusive right to amend this Licence where the conditions or circumstances have changed and in order to comply with the provisions of the Rules on the Organisation of the Natural Gas Market; Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended; the General Conditions for Natural Gas Supply; the Transmission Network Code; the Distribution Network Code; the Metering Code; and/or the secondary legislation in force approved by ERE for the implementation of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.

The definitions of terms set out in:

- Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended;
- the “Regulation on the Procedures and Time Limits for the Issuance, Amendment, Transfer or Revocation of Licences in the Natural Gas Sector”, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 97, dated 4 July 2017;
- the “Regulation on the Procedures for the Revocation of Licences in the Electricity and Natural Gas Sectors”, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 58, dated 18 April 2017;
- the “Regulation on ERE Organisation, Operation and Procedures”, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 96, dated 17 June 2016;
- the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Natural Gas Sector (the Legislation in Force), shall apply to and form part of this Licence for all purposes.

Other words and phrases used in this Licence and the Licence Conditions that are not defined in the above laws and regulations shall have the following meanings:

- **“Compressed Natural Gas” (CNG)** means methane gas (CH₄) compressed to a pressure of 200 atmospheres (atm).
- **“Small-scale facility”** means a mobile unit used for the production/storage, transport and/or distribution of small quantities of CNG.
- **“Cross-Subsidisation”** means the transfer of funds or the allocation of costs between the Licensee’s accounts, or between accounts for the purpose of financially supporting an activity or business other than natural gas supply, production and/or trading, using

revenues earned by the Licensee from carrying out the Licensed Activity, or the transfer of costs incurred by the Licensee in carrying out the Licensed Activity to another activity or business other than natural gas supply, production and/or trading.

- **“Licensed Activity”** means the activities directly related to and necessary for carrying out the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, in accordance with Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, the Rules on the Organisation of the Natural Gas Market, the General Conditions for Natural Gas Supply, and other applicable Rules and Regulations.
- **“Licensee”**, as used in this document, means the Person referred to on the first page of this Licence who holds the licence issued by ERE to carry out the Licensed Activity.
- **“Licensing Procedures for the Natural Gas Sector”** means the procedure provided for in the “Regulation on the Procedures and Time Limits for the Issuance, Amendment, Transfer or Revocation of Licences in the Natural Gas Sector”, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 97, dated 4 July 2017.
- **“Legislation in Force”** means all standards, codes, rules, regulations, methodologies and any other decision or act in force, approved by ERE and other competent authorities pursuant to Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.
- **“Commercially Sensitive Information”** means data relating to the business or commercial activities of System Users that come into the possession of the Licensee in the course of carrying out the Licensed Activity and must be kept confidential.
- **“Commercially Advantageous Information”** means information relating to the Licensee’s own activity that must be kept confidential and must not be provided or disclosed to others in a discriminatory manner.
- **“Force Majeure”** means a natural or social act or event, such as earthquakes, lightning, cyclones, floods, volcanic eruptions, fires or wars, armed conflicts, insurrections, terrorist or military actions, which prevents the Licensee from performing its obligations under the Licence, as well as other acts or events beyond the Licensee’s reasonable control that are not attributable to the Licensee and that the Licensee could not have avoided through the exercise of reasonable diligence, efforts, skill and care.
- **“Regulatory Fee”** means the annual fee paid to ERE by licensed companies in the natural gas sector to cover the costs of ERE’s regulatory activities, on the basis of a methodology approved by ERE.
- **“Transport service provided to customers”** means the service related to the transport and delivery of natural gas, including LNG/CNG, from a small-scale facility to the customer’s delivery point, using appropriate vehicles, equipment and infrastructure, in accordance with contractual terms and the legislation in force.

Article 2

Performance of the Licensed Activity

1. The Licensee is authorised under this Licence to carry out the Licensed Activity of operating small-scale CNG facilities in accordance with the legislation in force in the Republic of Albania. Where the entity intends to carry out other regulated activities in the natural gas sector, such as transmission, distribution or storage, it shall obtain the relevant licence for each such activity, in accordance with Article 22, letter “f”, of Law No. 102/2015. In all cases, the Licensee shall maintain separate accounts for each licensed

activity pursuant to Article 30 of that Law.

2. The Licensee shall not hinder, prevent or attempt to prevent other Licensees, potential participants or competitors from engaging in or entering the business of operating small-scale CNG facilities or other activities in the natural gas sector in the Republic of Albania.
3. The Licensee shall not engage in any form of monopolistic or anti-competitive activity prohibited by the legislation in force or by the Regulations and Rules approved by ERE and the Competition Authority.
4. The Licensee may not carry out other regulated activities in the natural gas sector, including natural gas transmission, distribution or storage, without obtaining the relevant licence from ERE.
5. By 31 January of each year, the Licensee shall submit to ERE information and a written declaration on the performance of the activity during the previous year and compliance with the legal framework in the natural gas sector, in accordance with the reporting requirements established by ERE pursuant to Article 16(24) of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.
6. The Licensee shall not cooperate with other persons in a manner that harms the interests of Licensees or natural gas customers.
7. The Licensee shall carry out the Licensed Activity in accordance with the principles of transparency laid down in the legislation in force.
8. A Licensee intending to engage in activities other than the activity for which it is licensed shall inform ERE where it intends to:
 - a) engage in an activity other than the Licensed Activity; or
 - b) establish an Affiliated Business.
9. ERE may prohibit engagement in another activity or impose specific conditions on the establishment of Affiliated Businesses where necessary to protect the interests of customers.
10. The Licensee shall not be responsible for failure to comply with the Licence Conditions in the event of Force Majeure, to the extent that the Force Majeure causes such failure. In such a case, the Licensee shall immediately notify ERE and the other Licensees or customers with whom it has entered into agreements.

Article 3

Obligations of the Licensee

1. The Licensee shall comply with the Legislation in Force, all Decisions of the Council of Ministers, the Regulations and Rules approved by ERE, as well as the specific rules relating to the performance of the activity issued by the institutions designated to issue attestations or certifications.
2. The Licensee shall design, construct, operate and maintain small-scale CNG facilities in accordance with applicable national and international technical standards, including ISO standards and European Standards (EN), as well as the technical rules for pressure equipment, explosion protection (ATEX), fire protection and industrial safety.

3. In carrying out the operation of small-scale CNG facilities under this Licence, the Licensee shall:
- a) take the necessary measures to ensure the technical and financial capabilities required to carry out the Licensed Activity. It shall submit a project summary, including the type of facility and its intended operation;
 - b) register with the natural gas market operator as a participant in the Albanian natural gas market in accordance with the registration procedures, and comply with the legislation in force and ERE decisions. The legal name of the individual or entity, the partnership deed and CNIC/identification documents, the specific type of licence, the detailed address, topographical maps showing the surrounding areas within 100 metres, and proof of purchase of the land shall also be provided;
 - c) take all necessary measures to improve the operational and economic efficiency of the Licensed Activity in order to ensure the quality and continuity of the services it provides for the benefit of customers and the natural gas sector;
 - d) operate small-scale CNG facilities under safe, sustainable and efficient conditions, taking the necessary measures to protect the environment and ensuring sufficient means to fulfil its service obligations;
 - e) ensure objective and non-discriminatory conditions for access to the service for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities;
 - f) limit discrimination between users or groups of users of the service for the operation of small-scale CNG facilities, particularly where such discrimination favours affiliated undertakings;
 - g) protect confidential information of a commercial nature obtained in the course of carrying out its activity;
 - h) have compressors, pressure vessels, pipeline systems, safety valves and other technological equipment certified in accordance with European Union standards and Albanian legislation on pressure equipment;
 - i) ensure that the facility is equipped with:
 - automatic Emergency Shutdown Systems (ESD);
 - gas leak detection systems;
 - fire and explosion protection systems;
 - adequate technical ventilation;
 - safety signage and areas classified in accordance with ATEX requirements;
 - j) ensure that the facility is operated only by personnel trained and certified for operations involving natural gas and pressure equipment;
 - k) draw up and implement emergency plans, evacuation procedures and response measures for industrial incidents;
 - l) carry out periodic technical inspections;
 - m) ensure that small-scale CNG facilities are constructed and operated safely, minimising risks to life, health, property and the environment.

- n) The Licensee shall be responsible for:
 - a) compliance with technical and industrial safety requirements;
 - b) checking the integrity of pressure equipment;
 - c) monitoring gas leaks and emissions;
 - d) managing waste and hazardous substances;
 - e) maintaining the safety distances from surrounding facilities required by the legislation in force.
- o) The Licensee shall carry out its activity in accordance with the relevant commissioning acts, equipment conformity certificates, environmental and fire safety permits, standard operating procedures and safety manuals. Any technical incident, gas leak, explosion or high-risk situation shall be reported immediately to ERE and the competent institutions.

Article 4

Accounts and Reporting

1. The Licensee shall keep accounting records and prepare financial statements, which shall be maintained separately for the Licensed Activity and any other activity (including other Licensed Activities) in which the Licensee is engaged, in accordance with the accounting rules and procedures approved by ERE and Article 30 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended. Where necessary and under the conditions laid down in the applicable Rules and Regulations, these accounts may be presented in consolidated form. The Licensee shall submit annual financial statements to ERE by 31 March of each year. Where the Licensee carries out more than one activity, expense invoices for each activity shall be clearly distinguishable as to the activity to which they relate, using clear identifying marks corresponding to the Licensed Activity for which they were used.
2. In each such case, the Licensee shall declare to ERE the method used to identify each invoice.
3. The data shall include details of the characteristics of the relevant transactions, including:
 - a) duration;
 - b) bidding rules and dispute settlement rules;
 - c) quantities and dates;
 - d) contract execution time;
 - e) transaction prices;
 - f) means of identifying the wholesale customers involved, and details of all unpaid contracts.
4. ERE may make available to market participants certain data reported by the Licensee, provided that information constituting a trade secret is not disclosed.
5. The Licensee shall immediately notify ERE of any emergency situation affecting the operation of the facility, describing the measures taken.
6. The Licensee shall allocate common costs between its Licensed Activity and other types of activities in accordance with ERE’s Regulations and Rules. Upon ERE’s request, the Licensee shall submit, in the form and within the time limit specified by ERE, documentation establishing the basis for the allocation of common costs among the activities carried out, as well as the results obtained following such allocation.
7. The Licensee shall notify ERE within 10 days of any change to:

- a) its address;
 - b) the Licensee's statute;
 - c) its registration certificate;
 - d) its NUIS;
 - e) its principal governing bodies; or
 - f) the structure of the Licensed Business.
8. All official notices, applications, petitions, claims or other correspondence with ERE relating to the Licence shall be in writing and shall be signed, as applicable, by an authorised officer or designated legal representative of the Licensee or ERE, and sent by courier or registered mail with confirmation of receipt requested. The addresses of the Parties shall be indicated on the envelope. All notices or other correspondence shall be deemed effective upon delivery or, if not delivered due to the sender's fault, from the time of presentation.
9. The Licensee shall submit to ERE periodic information relating to:
- a) operating expenses and revenues (monthly and on a cumulative three-month basis);
 - b) cash-flow statements (monthly and cumulative);
 - c) a table of data on the quantities of small-scale CNG transported (monthly and cumulative);
 - d) any information requested by ERE on a case-by-case basis;
 - e) the number of Customers to whom it has provided the transport service (monthly and cumulative);
 - f) load curves;
 - g) metering systems;
 - h) data on registered complaints, their handling and corrections to the relevant billing subject to complaint (monthly and cumulative);
 - i) any other information pursuant to Law No. 102/2015 "On the Natural Gas Sector" and the reporting requirements approved by ERE pursuant to Article 16(24) of Law No. 102/2015 "On the Natural Gas Sector".

Article 5

Use of Information

1. The Licensee shall ensure that any information obtained as a result of its Licensed Activity is not disclosed to any person, except where:
 - a) the prior written consent of the Person to whom the information relates has been obtained;
 - b) the information has become public;
 - c) the Licensee is required or permitted to disclose the information in order to comply with the Conditions of this Licence, an order of ERE, or any applicable legal provision;
 - d) the information must be disclosed for the purpose of carrying out the Licensed Activity.
2. The Licensee shall ensure that no Affiliated Business uses any information of the Licensee to obtain an unjustified competitive advantage and that it does not disclose any information to any other Person (including other Affiliated Businesses) that may enable such Person to obtain any unjustified commercial benefit.
3. Any Commercially Advantageous Information in the possession of the Licensee shall be disclosed in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner and shall be readily and equally

accessible to existing and potential customers and other interested parties. The disclosure of Commercially Advantageous Information shall be managed so as to prevent preferential treatment of individual customers, other participants in the natural gas market or other interested parties with regard to the scope, content and/or form of the information disclosed and/or the time at which it is disclosed.

4. The Licensee shall take all necessary measures to keep confidential the information in its possession and shall report to ERE in accordance with its legal obligations under the requirements laid down in Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended, the General Conditions for Natural Gas Supply and the natural gas supply contract.
5. Information submitted to ERE by the Licensee shall be considered public, except where, upon a specific request by the Licensee, ERE determines by decision that such information is proprietary and that its disclosure would not serve the public interest.
6. ERE shall maintain the confidentiality of Commercially Sensitive Information received from the Licensee in accordance with the conditions and time limits laid down in the applicable Regulations and Rules pursuant to Article 16(15) and Article 20 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.
7. The Licensee shall not enter into agreements that it knows or ought to know would result in a breach of the Licence Conditions.
8. The Licensee shall comply with the laws and Decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, as well as ERE’s Regulations and Rules.

Article 6

Regulatory Fees

1. The Licensee shall pay regulatory fees to ERE regularly and continuously throughout the term of this Licence, as determined by ERE in the Regulation on Regulatory Fees and pursuant to Article 14 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.
2. If the Licensee fails to pay the regulatory fees to ERE within the time limit established by ERE, the Licensee shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector” and the Regulation on the Conditions and Procedures for the Imposition of Fines and the Specific Measure for Each Violation, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 95, dated 4 July 2017.

Article 7

Supervision of the Performance of the Licensed Activity

1. ERE shall monitor the Licensee’s compliance with the Licence Conditions, review the reports received from the Licensee, and shall be authorised to inspect the Licensee’s financial records at any time and to require a technical and/or financial audit of the Licensee’s activities. For this purpose, ERE shall, inter alia, have unrestricted access to the Licensee’s accounts pursuant to Articles 30 and 31 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, as amended.
2. Authorised representatives of ERE may enter the Licensee’s premises and inspect its equipment and documents in order to inspect the Licensed Activity in accordance with ERE Rules. The Licensee shall provide any assistance requested by ERE during such

inspection.

3. On the basis of a substantiated complaint by any third party or on its own initiative, ERE may initiate an administrative investigation into the Licensee's compliance with the Licence Conditions or ERE Rules.
4. If, following the investigation, ERE concludes that the Licensee has failed to comply with the Licence Conditions, ERE may take other measures within its authority in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence.
5. The Licensee shall inform ERE of, and provide explanations regarding, any breach of the Licence Conditions no later than one week after becoming aware of such breach.
6. The Licensee shall comply with decisions issued by ERE, including the payment of fines imposed by ERE, in accordance with the Legislation in Force.

Article 8

Amendment of the Licence

1. ERE may amend or revoke the Licence Conditions where they are not in compliance with:
 - a) the legislation in force and Decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania that are in accordance with the legislation in force;
 - b) decisions issued by an Albanian court having jurisdiction.
2. At any time, the Licensee may propose other amendments to the Conditions of this Licence to ERE by submitting a written proposal together with supporting documents. ERE may propose amendments to the Conditions of this Licence and consult them with interested parties prior to approval.
3. ERE shall make its final decision only after taking into consideration the interests of customers and other Licensees. Interested parties shall be informed in writing of any proposed amendment. If ERE and the Licensee reach agreement on such amendments, the Licence Conditions shall be amended. If no agreement is reached, the Licensee may appeal to the Administrative Court of Tirana.
4. All amendments to the Licence Conditions shall be made by ERE in accordance with the conditions and time limits laid down in Law No. 102/2015 "On the Natural Gas Sector", the Licensing Procedures for the Natural Gas Sector and other applicable Regulations and Rules.
5. Amendments to the Licence Conditions shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Albania.

Article 9

Imposition of Administrative Measures and Revocation of the Licence

1. If the Licensee fails to comply with the conditions of this Licence, ERE may impose administrative measures pursuant to Article 106 of Law No. 102/2015 "On the Natural Gas Sector" and the Regulation on the Conditions and Procedures for the Imposition of Fines and the Specific Measure for Each Violation.
2. ERE may revoke the Licence in accordance with Article 27 of Law No. 102/2015 "On the Natural Gas Sector" and the Regulation on the Procedures for the Revocation of Licences in the Electricity and Natural Gas Sectors.

Article 10
Revocation of the Licence

1. ERE shall revoke a Licence where the Licensee:
 - a) no longer fulfils the essential conditions of the Licence;
 - b) violates the legal provisions on environmental protection in the course of carrying out its activity;
 - c) endangers the life, health or property of citizens;
 - d) fails to pay the regulatory fees imposed by ERE;
 - e) becomes financially insolvent or applies for bankruptcy;
 - f) requests revocation of the Licence;
 - g) has ceased to perform the functions assigned under the Licence.
2. The Licence may be revoked by ERE in accordance with the conditions and time limits laid down in Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector”, the Licensing Procedures for the Natural Gas Sector, the Regulation on the Procedures for the Refusal of Licences in the Electricity and Natural Gas Sectors, and other applicable Rules and Regulations.

Article 11
Dispute Resolution and Right of Appeal

1. Any disputed matter or claim between the Licensee and any Market Participant shall, to the extent possible, be resolved amicably in accordance with the Legislation in Force and ERE’s Regulations and Rules.
2. If the matter cannot be resolved amicably, ERE shall, at the request of any Person who is a party to the dispute, resolve the dispute and issue its decision in accordance with Article 98 of Law No. 102/2015 “On the Natural Gas Sector” and the “Regulation on the Handling of Complaints Submitted by Consumers and the Resolution of Disputes between Licensees in the Electricity and Natural Gas Sectors”, approved by ERE Board Decision No. 114, dated 8 July 2016.
3. The Licensee may appeal against ERE decisions before the Administrative Court of Tirana.