

FAQ – Invitation to tender for load flow commitments (LFC) by ONTRAS

1. Is prequalification required to participate in the tender?

No, all providers that meet the requirements under Section 3, lit. b of the T&C LFC are eligible to submit a bid.

2. Is a forecast of how ONTRAS will call off the LFC possible — same band for the rest of the day or for individual hours.

The call-off takes place as the same band for a certain period in consideration of the lead time of five hours as defined in Section 7, lit. b of the T&C LFC.

3. Has ONTRAS called-off LFC in the past?

In 2015, ONTRAS initially put LFC out to tender for the months of February, March and April 2016 in accordance with resolution BK9-14/606 of the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) (KOLA).

The scope of the call-offs does not provide any indication of ONTRAS' future call-off behaviour.

4. Does the capacity for the load flow commitment need to be supplied to a main balancing group?

No, the capacities must be supplied to a balancing group in the market area (Section 6, lit. e, sentence 2 of the T&C FC). This can be a main as well as a sub-balancing group or even different balancing groups. The balancing group number indicated in the proposal form are relevant for fulfilment of the service obligation.

5. Can multiple points be used to fulfil the load flow commitment?

Yes, the points indicated under "Minimum flow based on nominations at defined entry and exit points" in the relevant tender data sheet can be used.

6. How is the adequate capacity that the bidder must guarantee at the entry point booked?

The bidder guarantees that it has adequate capacities at the agreed entry or exit point on a fixed or interruptible basis (Section 6, lit. e, sentence 1 of the T&C LFC). Capacity procurement is the sole responsibility of the bidder.

7. Can the bids for LFC be based on interruptible capacities? Is the LFC call-off considered fulfilled if ONTRAS interrupts the interruptible capacity?

Yes.

8. Is the LFC call-off considered fulfilled if ONTRAS' neighbouring network or storage operator interrupts the interruptible capacity?

No, in this case the bidder bears the interruption risk (Section 6, lit. c of the T&C LFC).

9. Does the bidder fulfil its service obligation by not utilising booked exit capacity?

No, in this case the bidder does not fulfil its service obligation (Section 6 of the T&C LFC, tender data sheet).

10. Does a statement on the quality of the booked capacities (fixed or interruptible) need to be provided when submitting the bid?

No.