

**Press release**

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**The National Energy Regulatory Council approved gas transmission prices for 2026**

The National Energy Regulatory Council (NERC) has approved the tariffs of Amber Grid, the Lithuanian gas transmission system operator, for 2026. According to these tariffs, the average price of gas transmission services for Lithuanian consumers will be 1.52 euros per megawatt hour (EUR/MWh). This is 5% less than the gas transmission price valid in 2025, which is 1.60 EUR/MWh.

The prices were set taking into account the allowed revenue approved by NERC and the approved changes to the methodology applicable to the calculation of transmission service prices from 2026. The decrease in average transmission service prices for Lithuanian consumers was driven by changes in the methodology for setting transmission service prices, which were approved following the public consultation organised by NERC and a preliminary draft of prices for 2026-2028, taking into account the feedback of interested parties. The price of gas transmission services accounts for only a few percent of the final price paid by consumers for gas.

In April 2025, NERC set a revenue cap of 82.9 million euros for the gas transmission system operator Amber Grid for the year 2026, which is 30% higher than in 2025. Compared to 2025, due to inflation and investments made, regulated costs in all categories will increase by about 10% in 2026. The final part of compensation to the Polish gas transmission system operator, which increases costs by around 3%, has also been included for the implemented Lithuania-Poland interconnection project of common interest. The estimated deviations in revenue, costs and return on investment for previous periods are another significant reason for the increase in the revenue ceiling by approximately 17%.

In 2026, a total of 64.4 TWh of natural gas is planned to be transported through the Lithuanian natural gas transmission system. This is 1.4% less than was estimated for 2025. It is forecasted that Lithuanian gas consumption will decrease by 1.1% next year - from 16.9 TWh, which were estimated when setting prices for 2025, to 16.7 TWh calculated for 2026. The forecast level of booked capacity and amount of gas transported has been determined taking into account historical data and the needs of existing and potential users of the system.

At all gas entry points, transmission service prices for long-term booked capacity are expected to remain aligned with the entry prices applied in the neighbouring tariff zone of Latvia, Estonia and Finland - 142.77 EUR/MWh/day/year. A 100% discount will apply at the connection point of the Lithuanian transmission system with biogas production facilities.

The uniform price for long-term booked capacity – 170.14 EUR/MWh/day/year is set at all gas exit points. The variable price for transmission services at exit points will be 0.12 EUR/MWh.

The gas transmission service prices approved by NERC, which will come into effect on 1 January 2026, will be published on the operator's website www.ambergrid.lt.

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