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ERSE publishes opinion on investment in high-pressure gas infrastructure for 2026-2035

ERSE - Energy Services Regulatory Authority has issued its opinion on the proposed PDIRG 2025 (Ten-year indicative development and investment plan for the National Transport Network, Storage Infrastructure and LNG Terminals) for the period 2026-2035, drawn up by the operator of the National Gas Transmission Network (REN Gasodutos).

REN Gasodutos presents in the PDIRG 2025 an overall amount of of **€472 million to be invested in the 10-year period 2026-2035**, in investment projects for the three high-pressure infrastructures, namely the National Transport Network (RNTG), the LNG Terminal (TGNL) and the Carriço Underground Storage Facility (AS).

For the **first five years of the 10-year period the 2025 PDIRG proposal**, from **2026 to 2030**, REN Gasodutos presents a total of **163.2 million euros to be approved**, divided as follows:

- **62.6 million euros for the RNTG**, of which 45.3 million euros is for Base Projects and the remaining 17.3 million euros is for Complementary Projects (for the adaptation of the RNTG to hydrogen mixtures of up to 10% and for the **compressed biomethane unloading station project**);
- **35.7 million euros in TGNL** (for Base Projects only);
- **25.6 million for the AS**, of which 11.0 million euros for Base Projects and the remaining 14.6 million euros for Complementary Projects (for the adaptation of the AS to hydrogen mixtures up to 10%);
- **39.4 million euros** in Cross-cutting Investments in the three infrastructures.

ERSE proposes an alternative investment scenario (ERSE scenario), in which complementary projects relating to the adaptation of the RNTG and AS to hydrogen mixtures of up to 10% are proposed as conditional on ensuring their viability in terms of interoperability with consumers and adjacent network operators. It also suggests that REN Gasodutos reschedule some Base Projects and Cross-cutting Investments on the three infrastructures, providing only for those that are considered to be truly urgent, unpostponable and duly justified. Special attention is also given to the recognition of investment costs in security telecommunications networks, particularly with regard to cybersecurity issues, in addition to a substantial set of investments that are fundamental to the natural gas sector functioning and decarbonisation .

The **ERSE investment scenario totals 92.7 million euros**, and compares to the 163.2 million euros proposed for the first five years of PDIRG 2025, reflecting the comments received in the Public Consultation and the future gas demand uncertainty and the decarbonised gases supply ,such as biomethane, which, for the longer term, condition the original PDIRG 2025 proposal economic sustainability analysis . This option ensures that the PDIRG 2025, if implemented, will present investment levels between 2026 and 2028 of the same order of magnitude as those that came into operation in the last three years (2022 to 2024). The next PDIRG assessment, to be presented in 2027, will represent a new opportunity to revisit the investment to be made evolution, between 2028 and 2030.

In this ERSE scenario, it will be possible to ensure zero or reduced annual average tariff impacts (+0.0 p.p. to +0.1 p.p.) on average sales prices to end customers between 2025 and 2030, at all pressure levels.

Thus, this downward revision, compared to the proposal received, but consistent with the investment made over the last three years, reflects a balance approach. On one hand, it reflects the necessary increase in funding for Base Projects, recognising that the maintenance and replacement needs of SNG infrastructure, as well as the integration of decarbonised gases, will require higher investment and long term costs. On the other hand, it conveys confidence that the sector will remain competitive and sustainable over time, for all those who will continue to rely on gas for their consumption and production processes.

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