

General rulings by the federal load distributor - self-declarations by RLM customers

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Although we do not currently expect an emergency level to be declared due to a gas shortage, we would still like to provide general information about the general order process from our perspective as an exit network operator at the start of winter.

Following the declaration of the emergency stage by the Federal Government, the Federal Network Agency, as the federal load distributor, is authorized to issue general rulings, among other things. The general order concerns the pro rata reduction of final consumers of gas, taking into account the information from the final consumers' self-declaration. All end consumers with recording load profile metering (RLM customers) will be affected by this, unless they are instructed directly by the federal load distributor by individual order.

In our role as an exit network operator, we are obliged to monitor compliance with the general ruling and report violations to the BNetzA. If a deviation is identified and reported to the BNetzA, we will also inform the RLM customers concerned. Consequences resulting from non-compliance are the responsibility of the BNetzA.

As part of the ratable general ruling, there are a number of exceptions that partially or completely release an RLM customer from the obligation to reduce consumption (see section 4.1 in "Q&A on the ratable general ruling"; see [RatierAllgVfg_QA.pdf \(bundesnetzagentur.de\)](#)):

- Exception for protected customers in accordance with Section 53a EnWG
- Exception for particularly sensitive production areas
- Consideration of savings already made by the end consumer
- Exception in the event of otherwise imminent harm to life and limb, the environment, animal welfare or facilities
- Exception in connection with the balancing energy product Load Reduction
- Settlement between different market locations "Pooling"

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However, all exemptions may only be claimed if a self-declaration has been submitted to the exit network operator in advance!

The self-declaration is made using the form "Annex 3 - Self-declaration by RLM customers on exceptional circumstances". Fully protected RLM customers can submit a simplified self-declaration. The submission of a simplified self-declaration by fully protected RLM customers is also possible prior to the issuance of the ratable general ruling. In general, self-declarations can be submitted to us in our role as exit network operator within the announced lead time after the general ruling has been issued and up to 24 hours before the reduction obligation. Updates are possible in accordance with the requirements of the BNetzA ([Federal Network Agency - crisis preparation](#)). These self-declarations are not checked for plausibility by us and are only used to monitor the general ruling. If you are already aware of the exceptions to the general ruling, it is possible to submit the corresponding self-declaration in advance as a precaution.

The calculation rule for the correct application of the pro rata general ruling and the time schedule can be found in sections 2.14 and 2.15 of the document "Q&A on pro rata general rulings".

In order to obtain the necessary load profile data for the calculation, we provide this in our energy data portals. In preparation, we recommend applying for access to the energy data portal at an early stage and storing the data required to determine the reduction obligation from a potential general ruling, which is already known.

For queries regarding data procurement from the energy data portal, please use the corresponding contact address: edm@oge.net

Please use the appropriate contact address to send the self-declarations: netzbetreiber@oge.net

For detailed information on this, please refer to the detailed documents of the Federal Network Agency in addition to the "Q&A on the ratable general ruling": <https://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/DE/Gasversorgung/Krisenvorbereitung/start.html>

We also recommend the Federal Network Agency's webinar for end consumers: <https://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/DE/Allgemeines/Veranstaltungen/230619/start.html>

Kind regards

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