ECC Clearing Circular 40/2026
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Extension of Trading Hours for Close-out Members to D-2 End of Business

Effective 30 July 2026, EEX and its clearing house ECC will extend trading hours on the final trading day for physical natural gas futures for trading participants that are not set up to take positions into physical delivery (referred to as "Close-out Members").

Extension of Trading Hours for Close-out Members to D-2 End of Business

The trading hours for physical natural gas futures will be extended for Close-out Members until End of Business (EOB) on the last trading day. Previously, trading on the last trading day was only allowed until 12:00 CE(S)T. This change allows for more trading hours on the last trading day. The obligation to close positions before they go into delivery remains unchanged for Close-Out Members. The change will apply for the first time on 30 July 2026 for August 2026 physical natural gas futures positions for all hubs.

Adjustments of ECC Clearing Conditions and ECC TP05c form

No action is required on Close-out Members side. ECC will update its ECC Clearing Conditions, the Customer Portal and the ECC TP05c form accordingly on **17 June 2026.** The Customer Portal and/or Forms are only to be used for future requests.

Adjustments to EEX Expiry Limits

Expiry Limits will continue to apply and will be adjusted to support orderly market function and provide sufficient trading capacity. This will also include an adjustment for PSV Natural Gas Futures, where the applicable expiry limit will be increased from 0 to 25 lots. As a reminder, these limits apply only to Close-out Members, becoming effective from D-3 and reducing to zero at D-2 End of Business (formerly D-2 12:00). EEX will update the Implementation Regulation and its Price List accordingly on **15 July 2026**.

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