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The Forum is the only platform that enables all stakeholders of the market to meet in the same environment. On the first day of the forum, the meetings were moderated by Mehmet Ertürk, Vice President of EMRA. The representatives from PETFORM, EMRA, ETKB, BOTAŞ, EPIAŞ, Turkish Competition Authority and the private sector participated in the sessions in which opinion and suggestions regarding Network Code amendment proposals, Organized Wholesale Natural Gas Market, Tariffs for Underground Natural Gas Storage



and Continuous Trade Platform (STP) were discussed.

On the second day, Mustafa Yılmaz, President of EMRA and Members of Board evaluated the studies conducted. As a result of the evaluations, macro presentations were

made relating to investments to improve the infrastructure of transmission systems, main principles of being a natural gas trade center; and necessary steps to be taken. Accordingly, wishes and suggestions were made to improve the conditions in Turkish natural gas market.

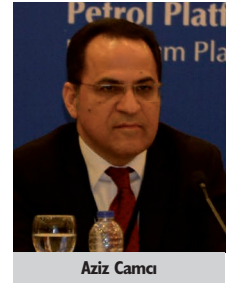
What did we experience in natural gas market?

In his opening speech, Aziz Camcı, Chairman of Board of Directors of Petroleum Platform Association (PETFORM), talked about global natural gas markets and the incidents experienced in Turkey's natural gas market in a year.

Right after the previous forum, Mr. Camcı indicated that they cooperated with EMRA and EPIAŞ and in this regard, EPIAŞ prepared the Market Procedure and Principles that would reveal the working principles of trade platform.

Moreover, he said that this document was released by EMRA to the opinions from the sector:

Having mentioned the impacts of incidents experienced in global gas markets on Turkey, Mr. Camcı reported that there was a transition from seller's market to buyer's market in the global scale within last two years and the price competition existing between LNG and pipeline gas changed the nature of the trade as a consequence of US entrance to the market as a producer country.



Aziz Camcı

AutoCNG and AutoLNG amendment in License Regulation



Despite the narrow framework of Natural Gas Market Law, EMRA which contributed to the market improvement by revising the second legislation, amended the License Regulation for autoCNG and autoLNG.

(Enerji IQ – 24 May 2017) EMRA identified and regulated the autoCNG and autoLNG activities by making an amendment in Natural Gas Market License Regulation. EMRA's decision is expected to pave the way for the use of CNG and LNG as automobile fuel.

The amendments entered into force on 24 May 2017 following that of its publication in the Official Gazette and they consist of 12 articles. Hereinafter, CNG sale for the fuel of road

vehicles will be defined as autoCNG activity.

According to EMRA's new regulation, the companies that want to sell CNG to road vehicles will obtain license from the Institution. On the other hand, License for the Wholesale of Natural Gas has to be obtained from EMRA for the sale of autoLNG.

The companies that have wholesale (AutoLNG) license will be able to sell LNG only

in the facility indicated in their license. In case the companies that already have a wholesale license want to sell LNG in a specific place to be used as a fuel in road vehicles, they have to obtain a separate license.

In autoCNG stations, only the fueling can be provided to vehicles. However, fueling for pressure vessels such as tubes to supply CNG for industrial enterprises and similar consumers will not be available.