

Draft: Restructuring of Naftogaz

Considerations on scope and ownership of the business units

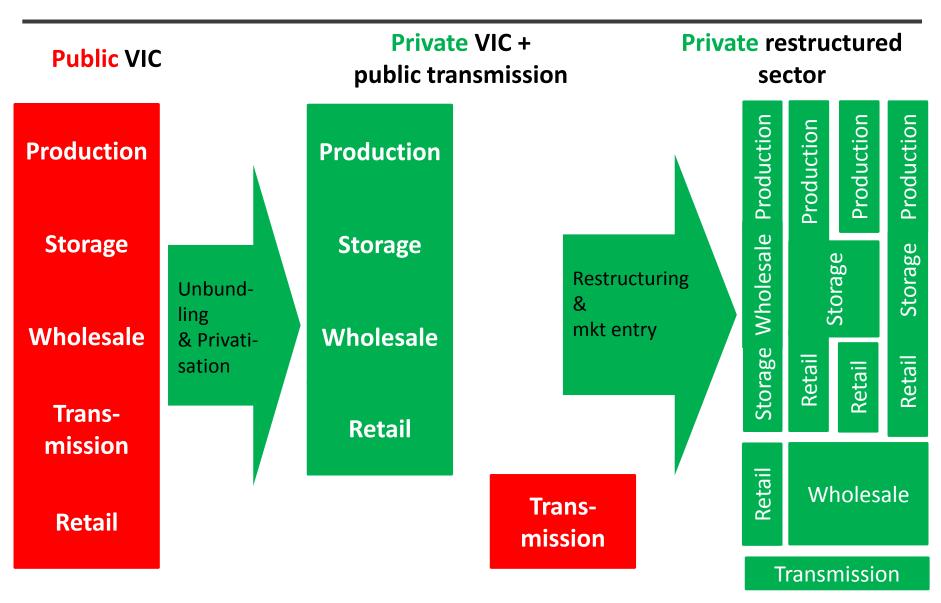
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Structure

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Arguments for and against privatisation
- 3. Arguments for and against integration
- 4. Conclusions

Two issues: ownership and scope of business units



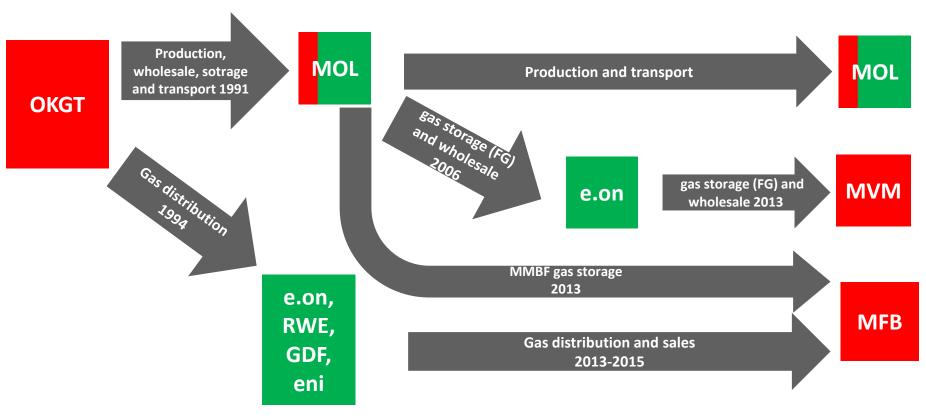
Selected major European gas companies

	HQ	Production	Wholesale	Storage	Transport	Distribution	Retail	Electricity	Share of private
EWE	DE	- Todaction	TTTTGTGGGTC	Storage	Панороге				0%
MVM	HU								0%
EdF	FR								15%
PGNiG	PL								28%
Engie	FR								67%
ОМV	ΑT								69%
SNAM	ΙΤ								70%
RWE	DE								85%
Uniper	DE								100%
E.on	DE								100%
Centrica	UK								100%
EPH	SK								100%

Source: company websites, January 2016

- No two companies have the same structure
- All forms of public vs. private shareholders ratios
- Idiosyncrasy makes evaluation very difficult

Example: Hungary – from state to private and back



Source: company websites and energyscee.com/2015/09/03/hungarys-gas-bill-perpetual-debt/

Initial privatisation stimulated transfer of knowledge and attraction of investments

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Effects of privatisation

Capital cost

 Typically more expensive for private companies / but gov't might be capital constraint

Governance

- Might require less administrative capital (good public managers)
- Stricter supervision by private owners
- Less harm through non-"benevolent" political actors

Efficiency

- Higher incentives lead to higher efficiency
- More innovation
- Less non-economic objectives

Risk taking

Insolvency risk avoids excessive risks

Impact in competitive segment

Prices

Low in competitive segment (storage, sales, production),
when competition is allowed

Investments

More efficient investment decisions in competitive segment

Gov't Revenues

Sum of taxes and dividend found to increase after privatisation in AT

Quality of service

Incentive to provide better service

Impact in monopolistic segment

Prices

 Depend on regulatory framework in monopolistic segment (transmission, distribution)

Investments

- Better project selection
- Amount of investments depends on regulatory framework

Quality of service

Depend on regulatory framework

Side benefits of privatisation

- Increased market capitalisation and trade volume in the national stock market
- Improvement of national financial market regulation
- More efficient market entry: Public companies tend to get an unfair advantage in competition (e.g., easier finance from public banks)

Arguments against large-scale privatisation

- Regulation more complex than direct control
- Employment in privatised companies declines (effect on aggregate employment unclear)
- Possibly lower quality & less socially valuable objectives
- Potential increase in corruption
- Risk of "asset stripping" by management
- Unpopular

On balance:

Gains in operational efficiency trump other effects!

Success factors:

- Regulatory & Institutional Framework
- Competition
 - -> Break-up horizontal integration
- Ownership structure
 - Foreign investors improve productivity most (not offshore or RU)
 - Some public-ownership appears in many cases to increase value (political hedge, local knowledge,)
 - Having a minority shareholder also helps
- Acceptance by the population

3. Arguments for and against integration

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Benefits of divestitures

- Eliminate diseconomies of scale of large state conglomerates
- Improve managerial incentives
- Improve information flows [Decentralisation allows better use of local information (Hayek)]
- Focus on core competence
- Avoid political capture ('too big to fail')

Drawback of divestures

- Remove scale efficiencies (e.g., joint IT)
- Integration provides implicit risk hedge
- Overcomes incomplete contract issue

On balance

- Difficult to tell which business units should stay together (very different models, see EU example)
- In general, institutional capital seems limited
- -> Creative destruction
- slice holding in parts vertically and horizontally
- Privatise the parts
- let the parts trade and compete
- let the parts eventually merge (they have to make a positive case for the merger then)

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Naftogaz' gas business restructuring: A bold proposal for discussion





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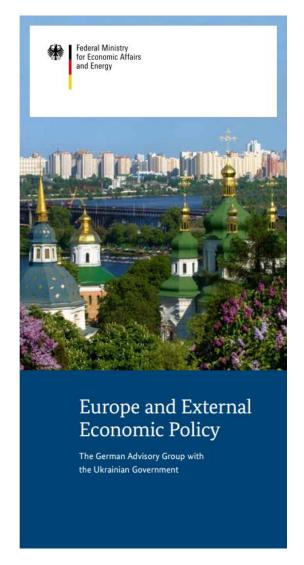
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Annex 1

KEY BUSINESS DIVISIONS

GAS

IMPORTS AND WHOLESALE TRADING Naftogaz

EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING

Ukrgasvydobuvannya (UGV) Ukrnafta¹ Chornomornaftogaz²

TRANSMISSION

Naftogaz³ Ukrtransgaz³ Chornomornaftogaz²

STORAGE

Ukrtransgaz

DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY

Regional gas distribution and supply companies⁴ Naftogaz (supply) Ukravtogaz

OIL

UPSTREAM

Ukrnafta¹ Ukrgasvydobuvannya (UGV) Zakordonnaftogaz Chornomornaftogaz²

TRANSMISSION

Ukrtransnafta Ukrspetstransgaz Chornomornaftogaz²

STORAGE

Ukrtransnafta Ukrnafta¹ Ukrtatnafta⁵

REFINERY

Ukrgasvydobuvannya (UGV) Ukrtatnafta⁵

DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY

Ukrnafta¹ Chornomornaftogaz²

- 1. Naftogaz owns 50%+1 share of Ukrnafta but did not exercise control over the company in 2014 and started to recover it in 2015
- 2. As a result of the occupation of Crimea by Russia in 1Q 2014, Naftogaz currently does not control assets in Crimea
- 3. Naftogaz is a party to the contract with Gazprom on gas transmission
- 4. Naftogaz owns minority stakes in some of regional gas distribution and supply companies, except for Kirovohradgaz where Naftogaz owns 51% of shares
- 5. Naftogaz owns a minority stake

Annex 2: Privatisation process

- Public offering versus private placement?
- "Guidelines on Best Practice for the Audit of Privatisations" of the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)

Annex 3

Composition of gas prices for Czech end-consumers



- Current shares of value generation in Ukraine gas sector quite different and subject to change