

Scenario framework published - German transmission system operators (TSOs) start extensive consultations over 2015 network development plan for gas (NDP)

- **Safety of supply: gas sourcing revised, planning for L gas market conversion extended until 2030**
- **Robust database: latest reference forecasts included**

Berlin, July 28, 2014. As a basis for the fourth network development plan for gas, Germany's TSOs will publish the draft scenario framework for the 2015 NDP on their website (www.fnb-gas.de) today. It lists different modelling scenarios for the country's transmission system and covers the period until 2025. Inga Posch, managing director of the association of TSOs (FNB Gas), stated "this framework and the extensive consultation procedure starting today, provide the TSOs with an important prerequisite for a secure extension of Germany's natural gas network tailored to suit the market."

The present draft incorporates the latest forecasts and studies, along with trends on the European gas market. Its main propositions are based, for example, on the results of the 2014 BMWi reference forecast¹. In view of developments over the last few months, assumptions about future H gas sources have been updated. The majority of those quantities will reach Germany via western and southern Europe. In addition, liquefied natural gas (LNG) from neighboring countries will gain in importance, with a corresponding drop in the gas transported to Europe by pipeline. Compared with the previous year, the level of detail in the planning for the market conversion from L gas to H gas period now extended until 2030 has improved. This has been achieved by involving downstream network operators and other market participants.

With the publication, the scenario framework will now be subject to public consultation. Market participants may make comments in writing and send them to inga.posch@fnb-gas.de no later than **Aug. 15, 2014** stating organization, position and contact data.

¹ BMWi (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy) Final Report "Entwicklung der Energiemärkte – Referenzprognose", June 2014, Prognos AG, EWI-Energiewirtschaftliches Institut an der Universität zu Köln and GWS Gesellschaft für wirtschaftliche Strukturforchung

Comments received in due time will be published and, in keeping with § 15a EnWG, sent to BNetzA for evaluating the scenario framework.

Interested parties are invited to attend a workshop designed on the occasion of the consultation of scenario framework for the network development plan. The workshop offers illustration and background information for the draft scenario framework. It takes place in Berlin **at 10.30 a.m. on Aug. 5, 2014**. For details and registration go to www.fnb-gas.de.

Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas), the association of German transmission system operators (TSOs), unites the larger companies engaged in supra-regional and cross-border gas transport. Established in late 2012, it has had a branch office in Berlin since April 2013. One of its main concerns is to draw up the Network Development Plan (NDP) for gas as prepared annually by TSOs since 2012. In addition, the association serves its members as a contact for liaising with politics, the media and the public.

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