Second consultation on 2016-2026 Gas NDP

- Development projects now to include power stations at Altbach and Heilbronn am Neckar
- Total network development costs at €4.5 billion, up by €102 million
- Consultation to run from 27 February to 17 March 2017

Berlin, 27 February 2017. The German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) are again consulting market participants on their 2016-2026 Gas Network Development Plan (NDP). This new consultation is being held in response to a decision of 3 January 2017 in which the German national regulatory authority BNetzA (Federal Network Agency) amended part of its earlier decision confirming the Scenario Framework document underlying the 2016-2026 NDP in order to reflect the holding in a case recently heard by Düsseldorf Higher Regional Court. According to the regulator’s decision, the TSOs are to include the power stations planned to be constructed at Altbach and Heilbronn am Neckar in their 2016-2026 NDP.

“Including these two power stations planned to be built in the state of Baden-Württemberg means that an additional 25 kilometres of pipelines and 16 MW of compressor capacity are required compared with the initial version of the NDP”, explains Inga Posch, managing director of the TSO association FNB Gas.

“This takes the total level of investment required to deliver the 2016-2026 NDP to €4.5 billion. In all other respects the second version of the 2016-2026 NDP remains unchanged from the first version, which the TSOs submitted to the Federal Network Agency on 1 April 2016,” comments Ralph Bahke, chairman of the board of FNB Gas, in a statement on the latest proposals for the development of the German natural gas system.

Market participants are invited to submit their responses to the second consultation document, which is published on the FNB Gas website (www.fnb-gas.de), to info@fnb-gas.de by 17 March 2017. Since only minor changes were made, the TSOs have decided not to hold a consultation workshop this time around.
About FNB Gas:

The Berlin-based association Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas) was founded in 2012 by the German gas transmission system operators (TSOs), i.e. the network companies operating the major supra-regional and cross-border gas transportation pipelines. One key focus of the association's activities is the Gas Network Development Plan, which has been drawn up annually by the TSOs since 2012. The association also acts as a central point of contact for policymakers, the media and the general public on behalf of its members.


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