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TSOs publish 2017 implementation report and statement of long-term capacity requirements

- Report describes progress of gas NDP projects
- Updated low CV gas to high CV gas switchover plans presented
- Analysis of long-term capacity requirements confirms necessity of EUGAL pipeline

Berlin, 31 March 2017. The German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) have today published both their 2017 implementation report as well as their statement of long-term capacity requirements.

The 2017 implementation report provides a detailed overview of which of the projects confirmed as part of the 2015 Gas Network Development Plan (NDP) have already been completed, are in progress or are yet to be carried out. In addition, the report provides up-to-date status information on the network development projects modified or added by the TSOs in producing their second consultation document on the 2016-2026 NDP, which was published at the end of February 2017.

Given the importance for the German energy industry, the implementation report also provides detailed information on the current plans for the gas quality switchover works planned or under way to convert low calorific value gas (“low CV gas”) to high CV quality. “Successful delivery of the gas quality switchover works within the framework of a smooth overall process is one of the key prerequisites for ensuring our national supply security,” comments Ralph Bahke, chairman of the board of the TSO association FNB Gas. Inga Posch, managing director of FNB Gas, adds: “Now that we have published updated information on which switchover areas have been bindingly announced on the FNB Gas website, market participants can learn all about the switchover works currently planned.”

In accordance with the amendments to the German Energy Industry Act (EnWG) enacted in 2016, the TSOs will from now on produce an implementation report on the NDP in each odd-numbered year, with the first one being the one published by 1 April 2017. The NDP itself will only be produced in even-numbered years in future.

The TSOs determine long-term capacity requirements by 1 April every year. In the statement now published they describe their current knowledge as to the future development of capacity requirements in the two German market areas, GASPOOL and NCG. One of the findings of the report based on the results of the 2017 yearly capacity auctions is that it will be necessary to build the planned European gas pipeline link EUGAL, which is supposed to start gas transportation at the end of 2019.
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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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