German TSOs submit second draft 2016-2026 Gas NDP to Federal Network Agency

- Altbach and Heilbronn am Neckar power stations now included in scenario framework
- Updated plans require additional network development projects totalling €120 million
- Overall investment required in the period from 2016 to 2026 rises to €4.5 billion

Berlin, 5 April 2017. The German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) have today submitted the second draft of their 2016-2026 Gas Network Development Plan (NDP) to the national regulatory authority Bundesnetzagentur (Federal Network Agency) and published it. The TSOs had to revise the previous draft in order to take account of the planned power stations at Altbach and Heilbronn am Neckar.

The second draft was made available for public consultation by the TSOs from 27 February to 17 March 2017. Eight responses were received over the course of this consultation and analysed by the TSOs as part of their revisions.

Compared with the first draft of the NDP, an additional 25 kilometres of pipelines and 16 MW of compressor capacity will be needed to take account of the two power stations planned to be built in the state of Baden-Württemberg. “This increases the overall investment volume of the 2016-2026 NDP by €102 million, taking it to a total of €4.5 billion,” explains Inga Posch, managing director of the TSO association FNB Gas.

The second draft 2016-2026 NDP is now available on the FNB Gas website (www.fnb-gas.de). The Federal Network Agency is expected to run its own consultation on this draft soon. The regulator may then ask the TSOs to revise their NDP, following which the TSOs would have three months to finalise the 2016-2026 NDP.
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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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