

Incremental capacity: German gas TSOs launch first consultation under EU rules

- **Up to €215m in investments and up to 75 MW in additional compressor capacity required, according to technical studies**
- **Consultation to run from 19 October to 19 December 2017**

Berlin, 19 October 2017. The German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) publish their proposals for incremental capacity projects for consultation in accordance with Article 27(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems).

In order to fully provide the 26 GW transport capacity requested by shippers in their non-binding demand indications, the available compressor capacity needs to be increased by up to 75 MW. This would imply investments of up to €215m. “With the additional incremental capacity at cross-border and market area interconnection points the TSOs will meet the shippers’ future requirements to gas infrastructure,” comments Inga Posch, managing director of the TSO association FNB Gas (Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V.).

The project proposals are now available on the FNB Gas website at www.fnb-gas-capacity.de. Market participants who wish to participate in this consultation are asked to submit their written comments to FNB Gas (info@fnb-gas.de) latest until 19 December 2017.

Following the consultation the involved TSOs will submit their incremental capacity project proposal to the relevant national regulatory authorities for approval.

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.

The members of the association are: bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, jordgas Transport GmbH, Nowega GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. Between them they operate a pipeline network totalling some 40,000 kilometres in length.

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