2018-2028 Gas NDP: German gas TSOs publish grid expansion proposal for TENP supply security scenario

- Following a period of consultation, the gas TSOs submit their TENP supply security scenario to BNetzA
- €171 million of additional investment required

Berlin, 1 August 2018. Following on from the draft 2018-2028 Gas Network Development Plan (NDP), the gas transmission system operators (TSOs) are proposing to build 54 km of additional transmission infrastructure for the TENP (Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline) supply security scenario. The work is to be carried out as part of three grid expansion projects worth a total of €171 million. The relevant draft was today submitted to BNetzA.

"The three expansion projects were proposed after an evaluation of several scenarios in terms of the required investment, the time to completion and the future potential for continuing the development of the transmission pipeline system," said FNB Gas Managing Director Inga Posch.

The gas TSOs will start project planning as soon as BNetzA has given the go-ahead for the proposed projects. Given that the investigations to establish whether TENP I can be recommissioned are still ongoing, this approach will ensure that the required capacities can be made available without any delay. If a decision to recommission the relevant section of TENP I is not taken by 30 June 2019, the TSOs will press ahead with these additional expansion projects.

From 2 July to 13 July 2018, the public had the opportunity to participate in the decision making process. The comments received, including those from Switzerland, Austria and Italy, are available on the FNB Gas website (www.fnb-gas.de). The TSOs expect BNetzA to submit their request for changes to the 2018-2028 Gas NDP and thus approve the proposed supplement before the end of this year.

Further information on the TENP supply security scenario can be found on the FNB Gas website (www.fnb-gas.de) and in the Gas NDP database (www.nep-gas-datenbank.de).

Background

Extensive investigations on the TENP pipeline system have revealed corrosion damage on one of the two natural gas pipelines (TENP I). For this reason the transmission capacity of the TENP system will most probably remain limited until 30 September 2020.

The supply security scenario reviewed by FNB Gas focused above all on measures to secure the firm capacities required in particular for gas supplies to Baden-Württemberg.
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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