

## **Gas TSOs publish scenario framework for Gas NDP 2020-2030: Green gases and market area merger are the key issues**

- **Market partner survey for green gas projects and study on the regionalisation of PtG capacities**
- **Market area merger: Transmission capacities of the current NDP (2018-2028) to be maintained**
- **Consultation workshop in Berlin on 1 July 2019**

*Berlin, 17 June 2019.* One of the priority topics of the scenario framework for the Gas Network Development Plan (NDP) 2020-2030 published today by the German gas transmission system operators (gas TSOs) is "green gases" and their integration into the gas infrastructure. For the first time, modelling has included hydrogen and synthetic methane as green gases alongside biomethane. The scenario framework describes the input variables of green gases as used in the modelling process. They have been taken, inter alia, from the recent market partner survey on green gas projects conducted by the gas TSOs, and from the ["Study on the regionalisation of PtG services for the scenario framework of the Gas NDP 2020-2030"](#) of the Research Centre for Energy Economics (FfE), which was also published today.

To mark the occasion, FNB Gas Chairman Ralph Bahke, underlined the importance of green gases for achieving the ambitious climate protection targets: "It will not be possible to efficiently decarbonise the industrial, transport and building sectors without making green gases part of the future energy system. It is therefore imperative to consider developments in the scenario framework for the Gas Network Development Plan at an early stage."

Inga Posch, Managing Director of FNB Gas, added: "The Network Development Plan is the basis for making the gas infrastructure fit for the challenges of the future. With this scenario framework, the gas TSOs are taking an important step towards the decarbonised energy system of the future."

The market area merger planned for 1 October 2021 also plays a central role in the scenario framework. Commenting on the current status, Bahke said: "The scenario framework reflects the current status of development of the new capacity model for the Germany-wide market area. Its aim is to create more liquidity for the German market by keeping the capacity level of the current Gas NDP 2018-2028 unchanged. We are currently discussing a number of models and measures with the market and the Federal Network Agency." The gas TSOs have included the concept of market-based instruments in the scenario framework, and it will also be used in the modelling for the Gas NDP 2020-2030.

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As regards to the development of future gas demand, the scenario framework has been consistently enhanced and therefore takes account of current climate protection scenarios as well as the most recent reflections on Germany's coal phase-out.

The consultation process for the scenario framework for the Gas NDP 2020-2030 will end on 12 July 2019. The accompanying workshop, to which all market participants have been invited, will be held in Berlin on 1 July 2019. For the first time, an English translation of the scenario framework for the Gas NDP 2020-2030 will be published, and simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided during the workshop.

The gas TSOs wish to point out that green gas project notices and applications according to Sections 38/39 of the Gas Network Access Ordinance (GasNZV) can be submitted until the end of the consultation period.

Further information can be found on the FNB Gas website at [www.fnb-gas.de](http://www.fnb-gas.de).

## 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, 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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