

NDP 2020: Gas TSOs take another step towards a sustainable energy infrastructure

- **Investments to total around €8.5 billion**
- **Initial measures proposed for the development of a hydrogen infrastructure**

Berlin, 4 May 2020. The German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) have today launched a consultation on the German Gas Network Development Plan (Gas NDP). The Gas NDP 2020-2030 consultation document is based on the scenario framework confirmed by the Federal Network Agency in December 2019. Market participants can now submit their comments on the Gas NDP 2020-2030 by 29 May 2020. The transmission system operators are planning a web-based workshop on 13 May 2020 to explain the Gas NDP 2020-2030.

The TSOs plan to invest around €8.5 billion in the expansion of the gas infrastructure by the end of 2030. This capital is needed above all to further develop the existing natural gas network. Initial investments will be used to meet the hydrogen requirements identified in the market partner survey. "With its network expansion proposal, the Gas NDP 2020-2030 will lay the groundwork for the realization of the TSO's visionary hydrogen network," said Ralph Bahke, FNB Gas chairman. The TSOs have made the implementation of these measures subject to changes in the existing legal and regulatory framework.

The Gas NDP 2020-2030 basically confirms the measures set out in the Gas NDP 2018-2028. In total, the TSOs propose to expand the pipeline transmission system by 1,746 km compared to today and to install another 405 MW of compressor capacity. The additional measures over and above those described in the previous Gas NDP are mainly related to the supply of gas to Baden-Württemberg, the connection of LNG facilities, the necessary expansion projects for green gases and security of supply in the Netherlands.

The Gas NDP 2020-2030 will be the first network development plan to put a price tag on the market area merger. It will include a comparison of the costs of the market-based instruments with the costs of a potential network expansion. At the time of publication of the consultation document the results are not yet fully available due to the extensive work required and the complexity of the calculations and analyses. These results are expected to be available in time for the preparation of the draft Gas NDP 2020-2030 on 1 July 2020.

The consultation document for the Gas NDP 2020-2030 is available on the FNB Gas website at www.fnb-gas.de.

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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.

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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