

Press Release

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Harmonisation of control energy procurement

Market area operators GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH and NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG to conduct a joint market consultation

Over the last months the market area operators of the two German market areas GASPOOL and NetConnect Germany (NCG) have been working – in close cooperation with the transmission system operators and the federal German regulator Bundesnetzagentur – on a common target model that is to harmonise the procedures for procuring external control energy throughout Germany. The development of the target model has been based on the need to guarantee system stability and security of supply as well as on the requirement by the regulator that control energy is to be procured via standardised wholesale products as far as possible.

As an interim step the market area operators are planning to widely harmonise and standardise the commodity products tendered in the two market areas via the bilateral balancing platforms as soon as by the third quarter of 2012, which comes in addition to the exchange-based procurement of control energy via the European Energy Exchange (EEX), which started in gas year 2009/2010. The market area operators particularly seek to introduce a common standard as regards the lead times for bid placement, price adjustments and the calling-up of control energy in order to simplify the placing of bids for control energy providers across Germany.

As one of the next steps it is planned to put up for consultation with the market participants a consistent concept describing the planned target model. For commencement of the consultation the two market area operators will hold a joint information event, currently planned to take place on 6 June 2012. During the event currently registered and potential control energy suppliers will be informed of the planned steps of implementation and timeline of the target model.

The publication of the final target model for the procurement of external control energy is planned for the fourth quarter of 2012.

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is a Berlin-based joint venture of DONG Energy Pipelines GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS- VNG Gastransport GmbH. The object of the company is the operation of the GASPOOL market area in Germany, which connects around 350 downstream natural gas transportation networks. As a result of the integration of the market area H-Gas Norddeutschland Jordgas Transport GmbH is also a partner in the market area cooperation.

For further information please visit: www.gaspool.de.

NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG:

NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG offers a range of products and customer-friendly services for network operators, balancing group managers and shippers and handles the operational management of the market area cooperation between bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. Its market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest German market area.

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