

## Press Release

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### Harmonisation of control energy procurement

#### **Presentation of the Target Model for a Standardized German Balancing Gas Market by GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH und NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG**

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 going to harmonise the products and procedures for procuring balancing gas throughout Germany.

The market consultation phase of the target model started on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with a joint information event of the market area operators in Bonn. During the event currently registered and potential control energy suppliers were informed about the planned changes and next steps of implementation.

Accompanied by representatives of the federal German regulator Bundesnetzagentur the market area operators welcomed participants from 35 national and international companies.

The integral aspects of the target model are the maximization of the amount of control energy which is constituted via wholesale markets and the usage of standardized products in a precisely defined merit order.

Market participants are invited to place a statement towards the market area operators about the target model until June 30th, 2012. The target model is available on the Homepages of the market area operators as a download file.

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.

More information at: [www.gaspool.de](http://www.gaspool.de)

### **NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG:**

NetConnect Germany is the umbrella organization of the market area cooperation of the transmission system operators bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP TSO GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, terranets bw GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH, which is forming the market area NetConnect Germany (NCG). The Market Area of NCG, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest German Market Area and around two thirds of all end users in Germany. The core-competencies of NCG are Balancing Group Management, the operation of the Virtual Trading Point, the Control Energy Management and the online-provision of market- and invoicing-data for Grid Operators and Balancing Group Managers.

Weitere Informationen unter: [www.net-connect-germany.de](http://www.net-connect-germany.de)

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