

Press release

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## **GASPOOL to continue charging no control energy levy**

**As of April 1, the control energy levy will remain at zero. The conversion charge too will remain unchanged.**

- Berlin. From April 1, 2014, GASPOOL will still charge no control and balancing energy levy. During the levy periods in previous years, GASPOOL was able to gradually reduce the control energy levy and now keep it constant at a level of 0.00 ct/kWh. The positive change in the control energy volume which, so far this winter, has been well below average, has helped to make this possible. Furthermore, the balancing system is now so well developed that the income and spending within the balancing regime are virtually balanced without the need for a levy.

- Since the control energy target model was successfully implemented in October 2013, GASPOOL has procured around 80 percent of its control energy from the EEX energy exchange. This development helps to ensure a secure supply of natural gas in Germany, especially in winter.

The conversion charge too will remain unchanged when the new gas half year starts at the beginning of April 2014. Regardless of the direction of conversion, GASPOOL shall continue to levy a conversion charge of €1.18/MWh.

The cross-quality GASPOOL market area currently has 197 balancing group managers who connect their H-gas and L-gas balancing groups for the purpose of conversion. In February last year, this figure was 133.

- Over the current gas year (October until December 2013), 252,900 MWh has been converted to date. By way of comparison, a total of 731,466 MWh was converted in the 2012/13 gas year, while the amount converted by GASPOOL the year before that was 690,504 MWh.

### Company

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is an associated company of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH and is headquartered in Berlin.

The purpose of the company is to run GASPOOL's market area in Germany. The market area encompasses approx. 350 downstream natural gas transport networks. Due to the integration of the H-Gas Norddeutschland market area, Jordgas Transport GmbH also participates in this market area cooperation.