

GASPOOL sets balancing neutrality charge to “zero” from April 2016

- **SLP balancing neutrality charge goes down from €1.50/MWh to zero / gas quality conversion fee remains unchanged**

Berlin (Germany). From 1 April 2016, GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH will no longer apply a balancing neutrality charge for gas deliveries to non-daily metered standard load profile customers (so-called “SLP” exit points). The SLP balancing neutrality charge will thus be lowered to the same level as the balancing neutrality charge for exit points with a supply meter installation which records hourly consumption (so-called “RLM” exit points). “After a relatively warm winter with very moderate price levels on the balancing market and six months into the new 'split pot' neutrality arrangements, we are now in a position to discontinue the SLP balancing neutrality charge for the summer period,” explains Jörg Ehmke, director of the company.

The market area managers (MAMs) are required to implement separate balancing neutrality mechanisms for RLM and SLP exit points, respectively, under the new administrative ruling on gas balancing handed down by the German regulator Bundesnetzagentur (so-called “GabiGas 2.0” decision). In the period until 31 March 2016 GASPOOL applies a balancing neutrality charge of €1.50/MWh for SLP exit points, with no such charge being levied for RLM exit points in the current period.

- The gas quality conversion fee levied in the market area GASPOOL will remain unchanged, with a charge of €0.441/MWh being applied from 1 April 2016. GASPOOL will again not levy a conversion neutrality charge.

About GASPOOL

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is a Berlin-based joint venture of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS 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. Following the integration of the market area H-Gas Norddeutschland, Jordgas Transport GmbH also joined the market area cooperation.