

GASPOOL sets gas quality conversion fee at 0.40 EUR/MWh for the period from April to October

Conversion neutrality charge of 0.022 EUR/MWh to be applied for first time

Berlin (Germany). From 1 April, GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH will reduce the conversion fee it charges for the conversion of gas from high CV to low CV gas quality (H to L). The fee has now been set at 0.40 EUR/MWh for the period up to 1 October 2017, reflecting the fact that the low CV network areas of the market area tended to be oversupplied in past summer periods. With the slight reduction of the conversion charge for the conversion direction high CV to low CV gas, GASPOOL underlines that the supply situation in the low CV gas area is still tensed. For this reason, GASPOOL has currently tendered LTO and DSM once again. According to the recently amended administrative ruling governing the gas quality conversion mechanism in Germany, the so-called "Konni Gas" decision, no conversion fee may be charged for the conversion of gas from low CV to high gas quality (L to H).

In setting the above fee the market area manager implements the decision on the Konni Gas ruling handed down by the national regulatory authority Bundesnetzagentur on 21 December 2016. For reasons of supply security, the conversion fee is to provide the incentives needed to ensure that market participants deliver sufficient inputs of low CV gas to the GASPOOL market area.

From 1 April 2017, GASPOOL will also levy a conversion neutrality charge for the first time, which has been set at 0.022 EUR/MWh. The conversion neutrality charge is applied to recover any residual costs incurred by the market area manager where the revenues generated from conversion fee payments are insufficient to ensure full cost recovery. The conversion neutrality charge will be applied to all physical inputs of gas.

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 our 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.