

Press release

Launch of consultation on cost-benefit analysis of information provision arrangements pursuant to GaBi Gas 2.0

Berlin/Ratingen, 14 May 2018 The two German market area managers (MAMs), GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH (GASPOOL) and NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG), are today launching a consultation on a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of current information provision arrangements recently conducted in accordance with the so-called “GaBi Gas 2.0” ruling (the administrative ruling on gas balancing which implemented the Network Code on Gas Balancing).

Section 9(c) of the operative provisions of the GaBi Gas 2.0 decision places an obligation on the MAMs to carry out an analysis by 1 October 2018 to assess the costs and benefits of increasing the frequency of information provision to network users, reducing the related timelines of information provision and improving the accuracy of the information provided, and to consult stakeholders on the CBA results. On the basis of the consultation results, the Bundesnetzagentur will then decide on the required changes to the information provision arrangements.

The consultation documents have now been published on the MAMs’ websites. Respondents are asked to submit their CBA comments and responses to the two MAMs no later than June 4, 2018.

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH: 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.

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