



Press Release

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GRTgaz Deutschland becomes shareholder of NetConnect Germany

GRTgaz Deutschland has joined NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) as a shareholder with effect from 11 Mai 2010.

By taking this step, GRTgaz Deutschland has demonstrated its willingness to actively support and shape the NCG market area and in this way contribute to making it the most liquid gas market in Europe.

The market area of NetConnect Germany, established by bayernets und E.ON Gastransport, had previously been joined by ENI Gas Transport Deutschland, GRTgaz Deutschland and GVS Netz as new cooperation partners with effect from 1 October 2009.

NetConnect Germany

The company offers a range of products and customer-friendly services for network operators and shippers across different market areas throughout Germany and handles the operational management of the market area cooperation between various partners. More than half of H-gas moved across Germany is shipped through the 14,800 km pipeline system in NCG's market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps. NCG also provides services for the L-gas market area of E.ON Gastransport GmbH.

GRTgaz Deutschland

The company operates the MEGAL pipeline (along with E.ON GT), one of the largest import pipeline systems for Russian natural gas destined for Western Europe. As an Independent Transmission Operator, GRTgaz Deutschland is committed to the aims of energy market liberalisation. GRTgaz Deutschland allows its customers non-discriminatory, effective and fair access to its gas transmission system.

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