Press Release

NCG calls for tender for balancing gas via market area East (Austria)

Ratingen, 19 May 2014. NetConnect Germany (NCG) starts a tender for balancing gas for the gas year 2014/2015. Object of the tender is the supply of natural gas at the Simbach and Laufen cross-border interconnection points ("GÜP") in the period between 1 October 2014 (06:00 a.m) and 1 October 2015 (06:00 a.m). This tender is carried out so as to meet market liberalization requirements and to enable the end users located in the supply areas downstream from the cross-border interconnection point Simbach and the "small cross-border interconnection point" Laufen to switch supplier.

The system interconnection points at Simbach and Laufen are entry points delivering gas to the network of Energienetze Bayern GmbH and do not provide a physical connection to any of the German transmission system operators. NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG procures the quantities required to supply said network areas as part of its system balancing activities, i.e. as balancing gas. Neither the delivery of gas to individual exit points located in the relevant supply areas nor the handling of German market processes are part of the scope of the tender herein. This process is carried out by NCG since October 2012.

Please refer to the NCG website (www.net-connect-germany.com) for further details of the tender.

NetConnect Germany handles the operational management of the market area cooperation between bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, Thyssengas GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH and terranets bw GmbH. Its gas market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest German market area, with around two thirds of all end-user gas volumes in Germany being transported via the NCG market area.

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