

## Press Release

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### NetConnect Germany hosts information events on data format changes

**Ratingen (Germany), 27 July 2015.** NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) has held two information events for balancing group managers and network operators active in the NCG market area on the changes affecting the data formats used by market participants which must be implemented by 1 October 2015.

The workshops primarily focused on the new structure of the EDIFACT message types used for the settlement of gas transportation and balancing group management processes which has been introduced to reflect the mandatory application of the CONTRL and APERAK formats; another key aspect was the presentation of new processes, among them the elimination of some allocation groups from the so-called declaration process, in the course of which network operators notify the market area manager of the types of exit points for which they will submit allocations, and the introduction of a unilateral clearing of RLM allocations by network operators. The events also provided an opportunity to discuss other topics and answer remaining questions in detail and with a focus on practical implementation.

“By 1 October 2015 the logic our systems use to process data will undergo some fundamental changes. We are therefore glad to be able to provide this service for market participants and to inform network operators and balancing group managers about the upcoming changes in a comprehensive way,” comments NCG director Torsten Frank.

**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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