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## **GASPOOL lowers conversion charge and increases control energy levy**

### ***Conversion charge reduction with simultaneous increase of the control and compensation energy levies for the GASPOOL market area on 1 April 2012***

**Berlin.** The conversion charge introduced with the merging of the L-Gas 1 market area (Aequamus) and the GASPOOL market area into the cross-quality GASPOOL market area as specified by the German Federal Network Agency on 1 Oct. 2011 will be reduced on 1 April 2012, regardless of the conversion direction, from EUR 2.20 per MWh to EUR 1.95 per MWh. The charge can be reduced here because the conversion has still not yet happened in the expected scope.

To date GASPOOL has registered 62 balancing group managers, who have connected their H-Gas and L-Gas balancing groups to facilitate the conversion. The relevant converted volume in the first half of the gas year 2011/2012 was 300,000 MWh.

The increased control energy levy is due to the consequences of considerable undercoverage of the networks in the market area since November 2011. The demand for control energy has been increasing constantly since. The control and compensation energy levies will increase from 1 April 2012 from 0.062 ct/KWh to 0.12 ct/KWh to be able to supply the market in times of increased control energy requirements in the future.

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