

## **GASPOOL: Control energy levy to be reduced significantly; conversion charge remains unchanged**

### **GASPOOL will reduce the control energy levy by a third effective April 1. The conversion charge will remain at last year's level.**

Berlin: Due to fact that although the volume of control energy is still at a high level, it is well below that of winter 2011/2012, GASPOOL is reducing the control and compensation energy levy by a third to 0.08 ct/kWh effective April 1, 2013.

GASPOOL purchases external control energy on the EEX energy exchange in Leipzig, among other places. By procuring control energy on the EEX spot market, GASPOOL is already implementing large parts of the common target model, which will come into effect throughout Germany in October 2013. GASPOOL controls its trading activities on the EEX energy exchange and use of the control energy at its Dispatching Center in Berlin.

GASPOOL ensures functioning of the cross-quality market area by means of conversion. The conversion charge will remain unchanged at last year's reduced level of €1.76/MWh. GASPOOL currently has 411 balancing group managers that connect their H-gas and L-gas balancing groups for the purpose of conversion. In the gas year 2011/2012, the balance sheet conversion quantity was 690,500 MWh. The German conversion system envisages a gradual reduction in the conversion charge by October 2016. The next adjustment will be made at the start of the fiscal gas year on October 1, 2013.

#### **Company**

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is an associated company of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS – VNG Gastransport GmbH and is headquartered in Berlin.

The purpose of the company is cultivation of GASPOOL's market area in Germany. The market area comprises around 350 downstream natural gas transport networks.

Integration of the market area H-Gas Northern Germany means that Jordgas Transport GmbH is also in the partnership for the market area.