

Press Release

Berlin/Ratingen, 3 March 2014

GASPOOL and NCG submit recommendation document to the Federal Network Agency

National and international market participants took part in the two-week consultation process

Today the market area managers, GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH (GASPOOL) and NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG), submitted the recommendation document for the national implementation of the Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks (NC BAL) to the Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur). The NC BAL aims to harmonize the European gas balancing regimes.

In December 2013, Bundesnetzagentur had asked the market area managers for a recommendation document in order to ensure an efficient procedure for the national implementation of NC BAL in accordance with the deadlines set out therein. The recommendation document is based on the Network Code Balancing consultation conducted in the period from 17 to 31 January 2014.

The contents of the recommendation document include, inter alia, the application for approval to trade gas quantities within adjacent balancing zones, a proposal for an imbalance charge calculation model, a proposal for a within day obligation model and a proposal for a reconciliation model under the new gas balancing regime.

Five associations, eleven national and international natural gas traders and two distribution system operators took part in the consultation, which was conducted by the Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas) on behalf of the German transmission system operators and both market area managers. Further comments were also submitted by the European Energy Exchange (EEX) and an Austrian distribution area manager. No feedback was received from regulatory authorities.

The recommendation document and all submitted statements are available on the websites of the market area managers.



**NetConnect
Germany**

simply gas



NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG:

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.

For further information, visit: www.net-connect-germany.com

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH

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

The purpose of the company is to run GASPOOL's market area in Germany. The market area encompasses approx. 350 downstream natural gas transport networks. Due to the integration of the H-Gas Norddeutschland market area, Jordgas Transport GmbH also participates in this market area cooperation.

For further information, visit: www.gaspool.de

NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG

Kaiserswertherstr.115

40880 Ratingen

Your contact:

T +49 (0) 2102 59796 18

F +49 (0) 2102 59796 59

presse@net-connect-germany.com

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH

Reinhardtstraße 52

10117 Berlin, Germany

Your contact:

Anne Jacobs

T +49 (0) 30 364 289 350

F +49 (0) 30 364 289 222

presse@gaspool.de