

Press Release

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## **According to GASPOOL analysis, high control energy costs in winter 2013/14 are due to overlapping market areas**

Berlin. First results of an in-depth analysis carried out by GASPOOL have found out that the high costs for balancing actions last winter, leading to the collection of a balancing neutrality charge in the GASPOOL market area applicable since October 1, 2014, were incurred by network operators in the market overlap between the market areas of Net Connect Germany (NCG) and GASPOOL.

GASPOOL has presented and intensively discussed the findings of its extensive analysis in a number of meetings with the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) and NCG. The BNetzA has started intensive analyses on their part, which are still continuing.

As far as GASPOOL can tell at this time, the situation, which ultimately led GASPOOL to collect a balancing neutrality charge, was triggered by the allocation of exit points to market areas in distribution networks with overlapping market areas, which is contrary to gas industry provisions. Exit points were apparently allocated to the NCG market area for balancing purposes, although they were physically supplied with natural gas from the GASPOOL market area. As a result, GASPOOL has incurred additional costs for procuring the balancing gas.

When the control energy levy was announced, GASPOOL promised the market that it would carry out an in-depth analysis and promptly communicate the reasons ultimately leading GASPOOL to take such action. To ensure the highest degree of transparency toward customers, GASPOOL will present the findings of its analysis at a public briefing event in Berlin arranged especially for this purpose. GASPOOL will also continue to do its utmost to ensure that the control energy levy is calculated on the basis of usage.

### About GASPOOL

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 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.