

## **GASPOOL to launch new charges and levies**

Berlin (Germany). GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH sets the balancing neutrality charges From 1 October 2016 until 1 October 2017 for gas deliveries to non-daily metered standard load profile customers (so-called “SLP” exit points) at 0.75 EUR/MWh and for intraday-metered “RLM” customers at 0.25 EUR/MWh.

The current balancing neutrality charge of the summer period valid until 1 October 2016 was set at 0.00 EUR/MWh for SLP- as well as for RLM-exit points. From the start of the new gas year in October 2016, the neutrality accounting period for these neutrality charges will be extended to twelve months, up from the six months currently applied in accordance with the most recent administrative ruling on gas balancing handed down by the German federal regulator Bundesnetzagentur (so-called “GabiGas 2.0” decision). The calculation of the charge based on the analysis of the previous levy periods. Thus, it is guaranteed that the market area manager can procure control energy for the upcoming one year levy period.

Further, from the start of the new gas year GASPOOL will also reduce the fee it charges for use of the GASPOOL Hub, the virtual trading point (VTP) of the GASPOOL market area, from 0.16 cents/MWh to 0.1528 cents/MWh.

The gas quality conversion fee for the conversion from high calorific value quality (“high CV gas”) to low calorific value quality (“low CV gas”) will initially be retained until April 2017 and charged at 0.441 EUR/MWh in line with the applicable fee cap approved by the regulator. Again, no conversion neutrality charge will be levied.

### About GASPOOL

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is a Berlin-based joint venture of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH.

The object of the company is the operation of the GASPOOL market area in Germany, which connects around 350 downstream natural gas transportation networks. Following the integration of the market area H-Gas Norddeutschland, Jordgas Transport GmbH also joined the market area cooperation.