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## Press Release

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### Control energy levy to remain at 0 €ct/kWh

**Ratingen (Germany), 11 February 2014.** The control energy levy applicable in the market area of NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) from 1 April 2014 will remain at 0 €ct/kWh. As of the same date the gas quality conversion fee will go down, from 0.6 €/MWh to 0.4 €/MWh (regardless of the direction of conversion). The conversion levy, which is applied on all physical inputs to the market area, will be kept on the same level as in the previous validity period, i.e. at 0 €ct/kWh.

That NCG has been in a position to again set the level of the control energy levy at 0 €ct/kWh can be attributed, inter alia, to the development of the system balancing requirements seen in the NCG market area in the current gas year and to the well-functioning balancing gas procurement regime. The reduction of the conversion fee reflects the projected development of the virtual conversion quantities and of the overall conversion mechanism, among other things.

“The renewed setting of the control energy levy at 0 €ct/kWh and of the conversion levy at 0 €ct/kWh, together with the reduction of the conversion fee, are an indicator for a stabilisation of the overall system whilst also reflecting the continued positive development within the market area,” says Torsten Frank, Managing Director at NCG.

	Until 31 March 2014	From 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014
<b>Control energy levy</b>	0 €ct/kWh	0 €ct/kWh
<b>Conversion fee</b>	0.6 €/MWh	0.4 €/MWh
<b>Conversion levy</b>	0 €ct/kWh	0 €ct/kWh

**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.

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