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NetConnect Germany: market area cooperation partners seek dialogue with distribution system operators

Ratingen (Germany), 21 July 2015. The NetConnect Germany market area cooperation partners bayernets GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH together with NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) have again been holding regional meetings for network operators throughout the market area in 2015 to further promote an ongoing dialogue between distribution system operators, transmission system operators and the market area manager.

Overall, around 500 participants gathered for a total of 11 workshops to discuss current network-related topics with a practical focus. This year's series of events primarily focused on "GaBi 2.0", the new administrative ruling on the German gas balancing regime which takes effect on 1 October 2015, and the new quantity reconciliation rules for non-daily metered "SLP" exit points coming into force in April 2016. Other key topics included data quality in the NCG market area, the Gas Network Development Plan, the gradual switchover of low CV gas networks to high CV supplies and gas supply emergency prevention.

"These events provide a good platform to approach and discuss changes and issues both from the perspective of the market area manager as well as from the viewpoint of network operators. We are happy that we have been able to hold these workshops in individual regions on an annual basis," says Torsten Frank, a director of NCG.

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Background to the “GaBi 2.0” ruling:

The “Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks” sets out binding provisions which must be implemented in Germany by 1 October 2015 (or 1 October 2016 in some respects, subject to special approval by the regulator). The proposals for national implementation of the Code have been prepared by the GaBi 2.0 task force. The final administrative decision governing the relevant changes (GaBi Gas 2.0, “Festlegung in Sachen Bilanzierung Gas”) was published by the German national regulatory authority Bundesnetzagentur on 19 December 2014.

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