
Press Release

NetConnect Germany to increase the transparency of its published conversion data

Ratingen (Germany), 30 March 2017. As of now, NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) publishes more extensive data on the gas quality conversion activities in its market area. In addition to the information currently provided, the market area manager also publishes both preliminary and final data on balancing group managers' virtual conversion activities as well as preliminary information on the technical conversion measures carried out in the NCG market area. In extending the scope of its published information NCG is implementing the transparency requirements laid down in the administrative ruling on the German gas quality conversion mechanism as amended by the Federal Network Agency at the end of last year (the so-called "Konni Gas 2" decision).

Preliminary data will be published daily. Final data will be published once all final data needed for billing purposes for the relevant month is available. Virtual conversion data will also be provided retrospectively to 1 April 2011. In addition, NCG will provide an interface that will allow market participants to retrieve the data automatically. "We hope that by providing timely information and offering an extended service we can help market participants to better keep track of the conversion developments in our market area," says NCG director Torsten Frank in a statement on the latest changes.

Besides the above additions, NCG will also start publishing aggregate information on end-user gas consumption for the "SLP" customers (i.e. non-daily metered customers whose daily demand is estimated based on standard load profiles) and "RLM" customers (i.e. intraday-metered customers receiving gas at exit points that are equipped with a supply meter installation which records hourly consumption) in its market area, and in doing so is acting on a suggestion put forward in a report on the further development of the German gas market areas published in May 2016. Both the aggregate RLM and SLP consumption data will be published on a daily basis, with RLM data being published each day for the preceding day and SLP data being published each day for the following day. NCG will provide an interface for automatic retrieval of this data too.

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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