

## Press Release

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### **External balancing activities in the market area NetConnect Germany in the 2017/2018 winter season**

**Ratingen (Germany), 27 April 2018.** For the first time NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) has published a summary analysis of its external balancing activities in the winter of the 2017/2018 gas year. The analysis covers the balancing actions in the NCG market area in the months from October 2017 up to and including March 2018 and examines both the related quantity and price developments as well as the tendering activities for the procurement of balancing reserves via long-term balancing products. Other than describing the quantity and price situation the analysis also looks at the potential contributing factors causing the system imbalances NCG has had to address. In addition the report considers the developments observed in connection with the daily financial settlement mechanism for network operators' network balancing accounts and how it operates in practice.

The document has now been published and can be downloaded from the NCG website.

The German gas transmission system operators' (TSO) "Winter Review" report has also been published by the TSO association FNB Gas e.V. It can be downloaded from the FNB Gas e.V. website.

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. The NCG market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest in Germany, with a high-pressure pipeline network totalling around 20,000 kilometres in length and connecting more than 500 downstream networks.

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