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TSOs Publish Scenario Framework for the Network Development Plan 2013

Market participants are invited to give their opinion

The ruling passed on the energy turnaround – especially the gradual phasing out of nuclear energy by 2023, combined with ambitious targets to develop renewable energy – is unthinkable without a parallel expansion of German energy supply networks.

German TSOs make a significant contribution to the security of energy supply with their well-developed and highly available natural gas infrastructure. Moreover, the gas network has the potential to serve as a storage and transport system for gas produced using conversion processes from surplus electricity generated from renewable energies. Natural gas can therefore take on an essential role in the future restructuring of our energy supply and efficient exploitation of our energy infrastructure.

In order to assess gas shipping capacities needed in the future, German TSOs develop a Network Development Plan on an annual basis in close cooperation with the Federal Network Agency. Creation of the Network Development Plan is based on the respective scenario framework drawn up once again by the company Prognos AG for the year 2013 on behalf of German TSOs. The document published on the website www.netzentwicklungsplan-gas.de by the German TSOs will form the basis and framework for modeling gas flows in the German gas grid for the next 10 years once it has been confirmed by the Federal Network Agency. In turn the TSOs use this information as a basis to create the Network Development Plan 2013 to 2023 for the German gas transmission system.

Interested market participants are invited to submit their opinion on assumptions made in the scenario framework. Written comments should be sent by email to info@netzentwicklungsplan-gas.de including information on organisation, position and contact details by 31.08.2012. After the submission deadline, all statements will be forwarded to the Federal Network Agency in accordance with § 15a of the German Energy Act and used to evaluate the scenario framework. If market participants do not consent to their comments being published on the website www.netzentwicklungsplan-gas.de, this should be indicated in the written statement.

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