

German Gas Transmission System Operators (TSOs) release 2014 Network Development plan (NDP): security of supply upheld by scheduled L/H gas conversion plans

- **NDP Gas 2014 addresses declining L-gas production**
- **Some €2.8bn to be invested in gas grids by 2024**
- **Finalisation after intensive market consultation**

Berlin, Jan. 28, 2015. Germany's NDP Gas for 2014 released by the German Gas-TSOs puts an emphasis on demand-oriented extensions and upgrades of the national gas infrastructure. The investment volume amounts to approx. €2.8bn by the year 2024. After consulting market participants such as gas brokers, power station and storage operators, 51 projects were confirmed by the German national regulatory authority (BNetzA). Compressor capacity will be increased by a total of 343 MW. In addition, another 748 km of high-pressure pipelines will be built.

A major challenge over the next few years will be a significant reduction of Dutch L-gas import volumes as well as domestic L-gas production. As part of the NDP Gas 2014 the TSOs have proposed an H-gas infrastructure development which compensates for declining L-gas volumes. At the same time, a detailed timetable for converting regions currently supplied with L-gas to H-gas is included.

In the words of Inga Posch, managing director of the association of German Gas TSOs (FNB Gas), "this third nationwide NDP is a landmark in ensuring the security of supply and an important document aimed at making long-term supplies in Germany and Europe reliable at a time of energy market transition" (Energiewende).

The NDP Gas 2014 is available on the website of FNB Gas (www.fnb-gas.de).

About FNB Gas:

Established in late 2012, the association of German TSOs (major supraregional and cross-border transmission system operators) has had an office in Berlin since April 2013. An essential part of its work since 2012 has been to coordinate the drawing up of network development plans for gas by TSOs. In addition, FNB Gas acts as a contact when dealing with the political community, the media and the public.

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