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In Prague, 15.7.2021

Dear all,

The aim of this letter is to submit comments on the consultation document under the Scenario Framework Gas NDP 2022-2032.

NET4GAS, the Czech gas TSO, operates around 4,000 km of pipelines consisting of three major branches of double or even triple pipelines which serve for international transit - connecting Germany, Slovakia and Poland - while also covering domestic demand. NET4GAS sees the gas infrastructure as an enabler of decarbonisation in the energy sector and expects to transport hydrogen (and other renewable or decarbonised gases) in the medium and long-term perspective. Due to its geographical position, NET4GAS can transport hydrogen from an Eastern direction (e.g. from Ukraine via Slovakia), from a Southern direction (e.g. from North Africa via Italy and Austria) as well as from the North-West (e.g. Germany). The Czech Republic has developed a national hydrogen strategy that among others focuses also on repurposing of the existing gas grid for transport of hydrogen.

We understand from the documents you have shared within the public consultation your interest in projects potentially increasing green gas (mainly hydrogen) import options into Germany.

NET4GAS can potentially contribute to the development of such import options by converting some of its main transit pipelines for hydrogen transportation and is in fact already analysing several conversion scenarios including for the Gazelle pipeline (connecting VIPs Brandov and Waidhaus) and the East-to-West route from Slovakia to Waidhaus.

We believe that such a repurposing of the Czech gas grid to hydrogen could provide interesting options for establishing a large-scale hydrogen import corridor for Germany to cover its hydrogen import needs.

We are looking forward to a further fruitful cooperation on the development of hydrogen networks. Please do not hesitate to contact us any time.

Best regards,

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