

Consultation on expanded Scenario Framework for Gas NDP 2022-2032 gets underway

- **Three new modelling variants (LNGplus security of supply variants) for replacing Russian gas volumes with LNG and hydrogen**
- **Updated natural gas demand forecasts for the LNGplus variants**
- **30 September 2022: Deadline for capacity reservation and network expansion requests for LNG facilities (sections 38 and 39 of Gas Network Access Ordinance - GasNZV)**
- **16 October 2022: Deadline for comments on the expanded Scenario Framework**

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"The Russian war of aggression in Ukraine has fundamentally changed the parameters of the gas sector. Greater diversification of gas sources, for example through LNG, and a rapid switch from natural gas to hydrogen will be key to drastically reducing dependence on Russian natural gas or even completely replacing Russian gas volumes," said Inga Posch, FNB Gas Managing Director on the occasion of the publication of the consultation document on the expanded Scenario Framework. "These changes have an impact on natural gas supply and demand and hence inevitably on network planning. We are taking these developments into account by adding three security of supply variants to the Scenario Framework for the Gas Network Development Plan 2022-2032," Posch continued.

As announced previously, the gas transmission system operators are today starting the consultation on the expanded Scenario Framework for the Gas Network Development Plan 2022-2032 in accordance with section 15a of the German Energy Industry Act (EnWG). The new LNGplus security of supply variants proposed by the amendment envisage the complete replacement of Russian natural gas by LNG, additional volumes at cross-border interconnection points and hydrogen, and are based on adjusted demand forecasts.

Market participants now have until **16 October 2022** to submit their comments on the Scenario Framework by e-mail to info@fnb-gas.de in a format suitable for electronic processing. If any particular comment or parts of a statement made are not intended to be passed on to the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) or if statements are not meant to be published, the consultation participant must indicate this accordingly.

Capacity reservation requests in accordance with section 38 and expansion requests in accordance with section 39 of the Gas Network Access Ordinance (GasNZV) for LNG facilities must be submitted to the relevant gas TSOs by **30 September 2022** in order to be incorporated into the amended Scenario Framework for the Gas NDP 2022-2032.

The NDP consultation document is expected to be published at the end of 2022.

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About FNB Gas:

The Berlin-based association Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas) was founded in 2012 by the German gas transmission system operators (TSOs), i.e. the network companies operating the major supra-regional and cross-border gas transportation pipelines. One key focus of the association's activities is the Gas Network Development Plan, which has been drawn up annually by the TSOs since 2012. The association also acts as a central point of contact for policymakers, the media and the general public on behalf of its members.

The members of the association are: bayernets GmbH, Ferngas Netzgesellschaft mbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, Nowega GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. Between them they operate a pipeline network totalling some 40,000 kilometres in length.

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