

Fourth Market Information Package: Core network operators standardise reservation fees



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The hydrogen core network operators are standardising the reservation fee for all requests received from 05/11/2026 onwards, i.e. seven calendar days after the publication of this market information package. From that date, the reservation fee will amount to 1/25 of the currently applicable ramp-up fee, subject to a minimum of €9,000 per year per reservation. Based on the ramp-up charge for 2025 set by the BNetzA at 25 €/kWh/h per year, an adjustment for inflation is applied in line with the Consumer Price Index. For 2026, the ramp-up charge will be 25.55 €/kWh/h per year. The reservation charge in 2026 will therefore amount to 1.02 €/kWh/h per year from the date specified above.

Customers with existing reservation contracts will be given the option to switch to the new reservation fee for the remainder of the contract period. The switch will take effect at the earliest at the start of the month following the exercise of this option. The option may be exercised within two months of the publication of this market information package and will lapse thereafter. Existing contracts will not be automatically adjusted.

Update on available and reserved capacity

With the start of marketing in March 2026, the hydrogen core network operators have given the market the opportunity to secure capacity on the hydrogen core network at an early stage. Since the publication of the third market information package, further contracts have been concluded.

Based on the contracts currently in place, the total contractually secured capacity as of 7 October 2026 amounts to over 3.5 GW of entry capacity, 2.5 GW of exit capacity and 0.55 GW of cross-cluster transmission capacity (CÜT). Compared with the third market information package, this represents a further increase in contractually secured capacity.

The established excess demand process continues to be used if and when required. Through optimisations within the offer zones, reallocations between offer zones and clusters, and the assessment of additional technical measures, it has so far been possible to respond to all enquiries with a reservation offer.

The following overviews show the development of available and contractually secured capacities in the offer zones and clusters as at the current reference date. The data is still presented in part in aggregated form in order to protect market participants' trade and business secrets.

Overview of available capacity (as of 07.10.2026)

*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2025)																				
North-West cluster	Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*		
(in MWh/h)		Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	
AZ NW 1 GetH2 Nord	Nowega OGE	256	300	330	330	300	330	300	330	300	121	300	121	300	121	300	121	300	121	300
AZ NW 2 GetH2 Süd	Thyssengas H2 OGE Nowega	320	394	320	394	305	450	268	450	230	450	193	450	155	450	95	450	20	450	
AZ NW 3 Oude	Gasunie Deutschland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1080	1550	1080	1550	1080	1550	1080	1550	1080	1550	
AZ NW 4 Friesland	GTG Nord OGE	0	0	0	0	1300	1500	1300	1500	1095	1500	1095	1500	1095	1500	1095	1500	1095	1500	
AZ NW 5** Hamburg / Brunsbüttel / Elland	Gasunie Deutschland Hamburger Energienetze Brunsbüttel Gasnetz GmbH (from 1.4.26)	0	0	0	0	857	100	766	100	281	100	249	100	82	100	82	100	82	100	
AZ NW 6 Hallendorf / Salzgitter	Gasunie Deutschland Nowega	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	
AZ NW 7 Bremen / Huntorf	Gasunie Deutschland GTG Nord	0	0	0	0	230	200	230	200	130	122	130	122	130	122	130	122	130	122	
Total		576	694	650	694	3022	2550	2893	2550	2997	4072	2927	4072	2723	4072	2663	4072	2588	4072	

**AZ NW 5 entry pressure from 01.01.2031: 48 barg
Hamburger Energienetze operates a regional network with a design pressure of 25 barg. The maximum entry pressure is 25 barg;
the minimum exit pressure is below 18 barg. The Moorburg compressor station enables injection from Hamburg into the hydrogen transmission network.

Hannover East cluster		Network operator		*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2025)															
				2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*	
(in MWh/h)		Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
AZ HO 1**		Gasunie Deutschland						The Hannover East cluster becomes available in 2029						The Hannover East cluster becomes part of AZ NW 6 in 2030					
Total								280 599						280 599					

**AZ HO 1 becomes part of AZ NW 6 in 2030, when it is connected to the North-West cluster

*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2025)																			
Central Germany cluster	Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*	
(in MWh/h)		Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
AZ MD 3 (Kulkwitz)-Leuna Süd-Mitzau	ONTRAS	160	891	160	858	160	858	160	858										
AZ MD 4 Mitzau-Bad Lauchstädt	ONTRAS	160	177	137	177	137	177	137	177										
AZ MD 5* Bad Lauchstädt-Zöllnitz	Fergas	-	-	-	-	-	155	179	155	179									
AZ MD 6 Mitzau-Großkugel	ONTRAS	-	-	-	-	-	177	142	177	142									
AZ MD 7 Großkugel-Plaußig (Mühlberg)	ONTRAS	-	-	-	-	-	177	48	177	48									
AZ MD 8 Großkugel-Apollensdorf	ONTRAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177	177									
AZ MD 9 Apollensdorf-Plestenitz	ONTRAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355	158									
AZ MD 11 Leuna-Böhlen	ONTRAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177	177									
Total		320	1068	297	1035	806	1404	1515	1916	The Central Germany cluster becomes part of the East cluster in 2030									

*The offer zone receives (in 2028 and 2029) 1/3 of the 2030 capacity of AZ OS 5 in the East cluster

*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2029)																			
Cluster Flow		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*	
(in MWh/h)		Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
AZ FL 1 Lubmin-Schönermark	GASCADE LBGT	1966	83	1966	83	1966	83	1730	83	The Flow cluster becomes part of the East cluster in 2030									
AZ FL 2 Schönermark-Bobbau	GASCADE	983	154	983	154	976	154	976	154										
Total		2948	238	2948	238	2941	238	2705	238										

*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2029)																				
Cluster Flow 2	Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*		
(in MWh/h)		Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	
AZ FL 21** Reckrod-Rückersdorf	GASCADE	The Flow 2 cluster becomes available in 2029						309	357	The Flow 2 cluster becomes part of the East cluster in 2030										
Total								309	357											

**AZ FL 21 receives (in 2029) 2/3 of the 2030 capacity of AZ OS 5 in the East cluster

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East cluster		Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																			
(in MWh/h)			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit																		
AZ OS 1 Rostock-Schönenmark		GASCADE LBTG	The East cluster is formed in 2030 from the Central Germany, Flow and Flow 2 clusters																		1441	83	1441	83	1441	83	1441	83	1441	83								
AZ OS 2 Greifenhagen-Rückensdorf		GASCADE																			976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58	976	58
AZ OS 3 Kalkwitz-Mitzau		ONTRAS																			160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390	160	390
AZ OS 4 Mitzau-Bad Lauchstädt		ONTRAS																			137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177	137	177
AZ OS 5* Rückensdorf-Bad Lauchstädt-Ludwigsh.		GASCADE Ferngas																			464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516	464	516
AZ OS 6 Mitzau-Großkugel		ONTRAS																			177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142	177	142
AZ OS 7 Großkugel-Mühlberg		ONTRAS																			177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48	177	48
AZ OS 8 Großkugel-Apollensdorf		ONTRAS																			177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177
AZ OS 9 Apollensdorf-Plesteritz		ONTRAS																			355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158	355	158
AZ OS 11 Leuna-Böhlen		ONTRAS																			177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177
AZ OS 12 Hallendorf-Bad Lauchstädt (incl. CÜP)		ONTRAS																			0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119	0	119
Total																					4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046	4241	2046
* Formed in 2030 by merging AZ MD 5 (2023, Central Germany) and AZ FL 21 (2029, Flow 2)																																						

*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2028)																																			
Cluster Burghausen		Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																
(in MWh/h)			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit															
AZ BU 1 HyPipeBavaria one		bayernets	-	-	-	1280	-	-	1280	-	-	1280	-	1123	298	1123	298	1123	298	1123	298														
Total			-	-	-	1280	-	-	1280	-	-	1280	-	1123	298	1123	298	1123	298	1123	298														
*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2028)																																			
Cluster Ingolstadt		Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																
(in MWh/h)			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit															
AZ IN 1 HyPipeBavaria two		bayernets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301															
Total			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301															
*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2028)																																			
Cluster MosaHYc		Network operator	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																
(in MWh/h)			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit															
AZ MO 1 mosaHYc		Creos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117															
Total			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117															
*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2028)																																			
Total across all clusters			2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																
(in MWh/h)																																			
Total capacity available for reservation across all clusters			3844	2000	5175	1967	8048	4191	11400	8078	10779	8836	10708	8836	10504	8836	10444	8836	10368	8836															
*Values based on infrastructure for marketing year 2030 (commissioning by 31.12.2028)																																			
Maximum nominatable CÜT capacity			2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031*		2032*		2033*		2034*																
(in MWh/h)			Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit															
Hallendorf (North-West cluster)	Gasunie Deutschland	Hallendorf CÜT becomes available in 2030																		100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0						
Hallendorf (East cluster)	ONTRAS																			0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	
Bobbau (Cluster Flow)	GASCADE																			- 2507		From 2030, Bobbau CÜT becomes an internal interconnection point in the East cluster													
Bobbau (Central Germany cluster)	ONTRAS																																		
Zöllnitz (Central Germany cluster)	Ferngas																			309 357		From 2030, Zöllnitz CÜT becomes an internal interconnection point in the East cluster													
Zöllnitz (Cluster Flow 2)	GASCADE																																		

Reserved capacity (as of 07 October 2026)

The following charts show reserved capacity over time as of 07 October 2026. Several reservation requests are still under review and may lead to further reservation contracts. To protect market participants' trade and business secrets, capacity reservations are presented in aggregated form in some cases.

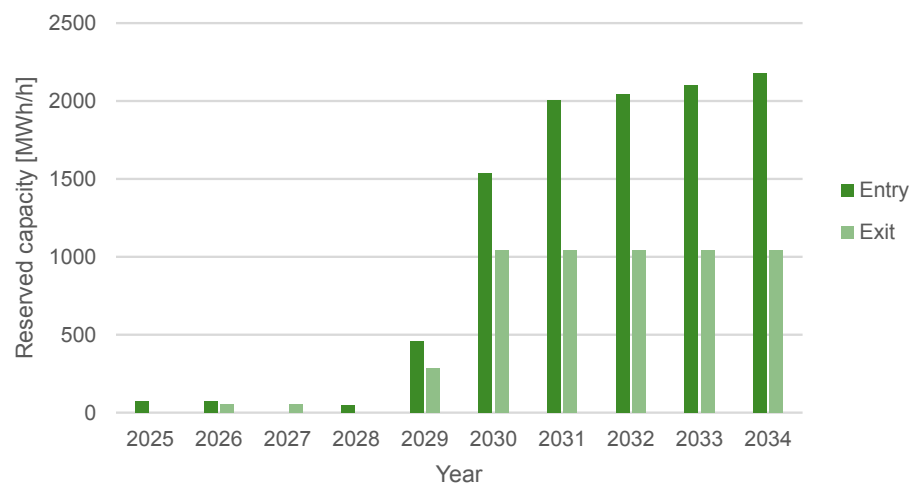


Figure 1: Reserved capacity in the North-West, Aachen and MosaHYc clusters

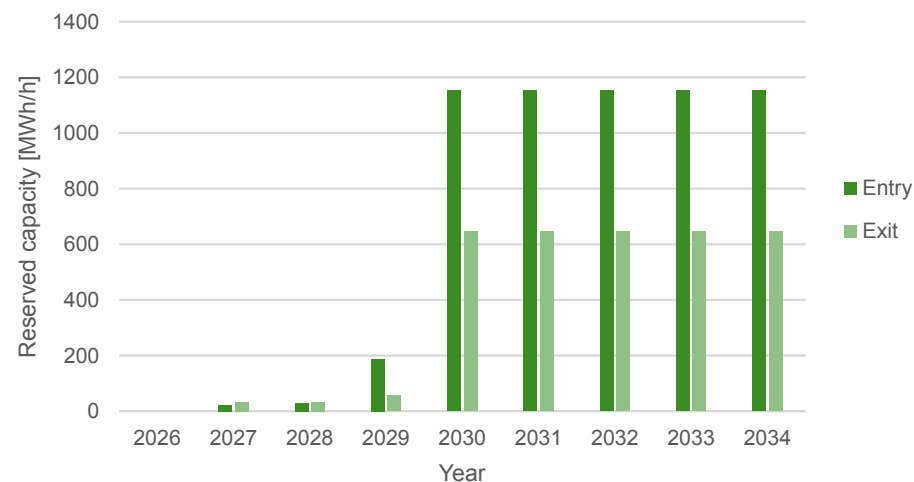


Figure 2: Reserved capacity in the East, Central Germany, Flow and Flow 2 clusters

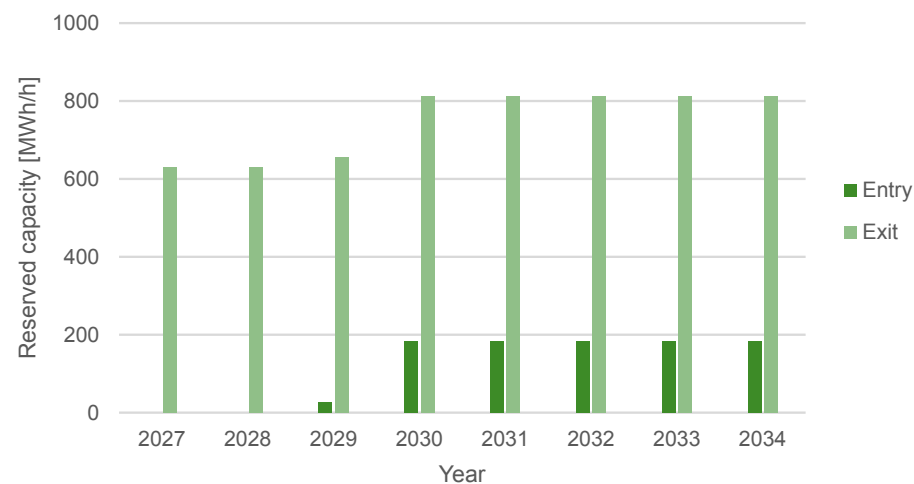


Figure 3: Reserved capacity in the Burghausen and Ingolstadt clusters

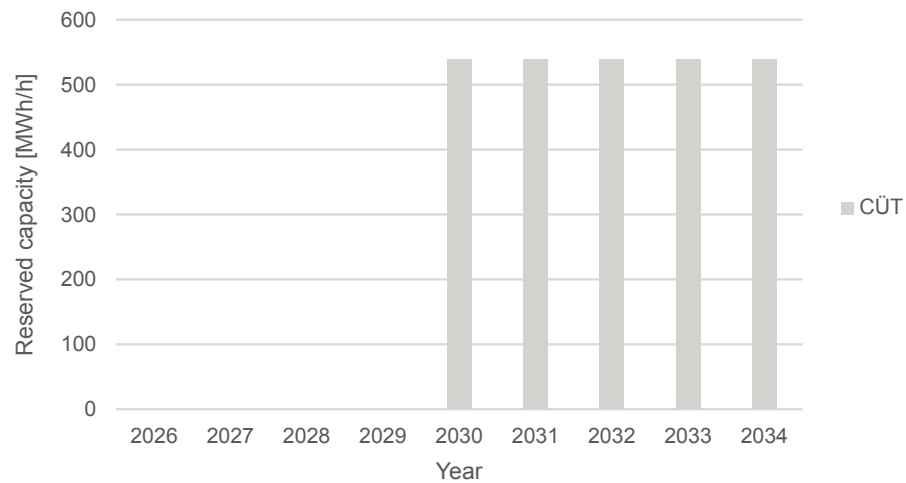


Figure 4: Reserved capacity for Hallendorf CÜT

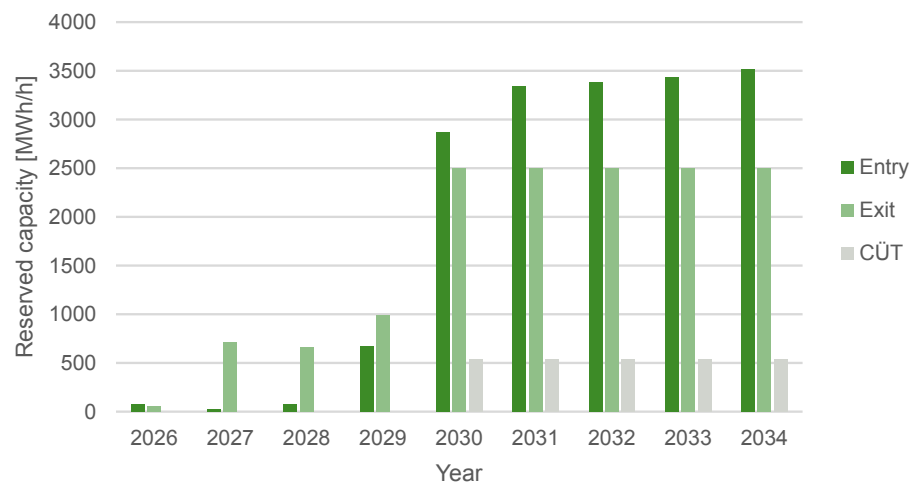


Figure 5: Total reserved capacity and CÜT

Future Publications

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