

Press Release

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Five Gas-Markets Link (5GL):

First Results of Market Survey

- **The demand for gas infrastructure at international interconnection points between Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Italy and Slovenia varies**
- ***bayernets*: Cross border points between Germany and Austria are in high demand**

Munich/14 November 2011. The grid operator *bayernets* GmbH (Germany), Geoplin plinovodi d.o.o. (Slovenia), NET4GAS s.r.o. (Czech Republic) and Tauerngasleitung GmbH (Austria) have run a market survey over the past weeks to determine future shipping capacities at the international interconnection points Haiming, Oberkappel (both Ger/AT), Tarvisio (I/AT), Czech Republic/Austria (CZ/AT) and Slovenia/Austria (SI/AT).

According to a statement by the 5GL partners, cooperation with the shippers and gas traders was very constructive. 5GL received 61 unbinding booking enquiries from 18 companies from seven European countries. Total shipping capacity demand amounted to 547.01 GWh per day. Particular interest was shown by shippers/traders in the north-south direction between Germany, Austria and Italy: capacities were needed from Germany to Austria at the Interconnection Point (IP) Haiming-NCG 180.74 GWh/d and at the IP Oberkappel-NCG 143.82 GWh/d respectively. With regard to shipping gas from Austria/VTP (Virtual Trading Point) to neighbouring countries, Italy/Travasio-PSV (314.96 GWh/d) was of particular interest. At the Interconnection Points to the Czech Republic and Slovenia, demand was low although a greater interest may arise in the future. The shipping period in demand lies between three and 20 years. The majority of shippers/traders wanted shipping services for a period of only ten years.

bayernets' evaluation of the survey at the Interconnection Point Haiming is positive, identifies however a shortage of shipping capacities. Based on the existing system, the gas volumes in demand cannot be shipped. At the same time all market partners are currently unsure about future general conditions. Consequences of the energy turnaround in Germany are not yet completely foreseeable. For this reason, decisions have not yet been made on the building of gas power stations, which will have an impact on capacity demand. The same applies to investment decisions for the large - partly competing – pipeline projects NABUCCO, Southstream, Trans Adriatic Pipeline or South-East Europe.

bayernets will analyse the results of the market survey in detail below and look into the consequences for its own pipelines.

You can get more information on the market survey at <http://www.tgl.co.at/5GL>

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About bayernets GmbH

Committed to protecting our environment bayernets GmbH, Munich, supplies natural gas through a 1,300 km long high-pressure pipeline in Bavaria. With a network area of 36,000 square kilometres and an average pipeline diameter of DN 500, the company is one of the largest gas pipeline operators in Germany. bayernets has 40 downstream grid operators, 8 of these connected directly with its pipeline system.

bayernets operates in the east of Bavaria with its own import capacities at the important cross-border point Burghausen/Überackern in the European gas network system and provides a secure gas supply in the south to Tyrol via Kiefersfelden. As a strong partner in the gas market area cooperation NetConnect Germany, bayernets connects the German gas transmission system in the south east through entry and exit points to the Austrian pipeline system. In this way bayernets offers its shippers a gate to the East European gas market.

The Munich company is an active market partner and is playing a significant part in the future development of a national and European gas pipeline infrastructure, among other things in its role in the European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOG).