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Gasunie Transport Services (GTS) thanks the Bundesnetzargentur for the opportunity given to present its view on the Netzentwicklungsplan Gas 2013 (NEP) in the workshop on June 18th.

Two aspects of future transport infrastructure planning require cross border coordination. In the first place the optimal distribution of capacity reduction concerning the L-gas border connection points should be elaborated. GTS communicated towards the German TSO's the reduction in L-gas capacities on a high level (overall reduction between 10 and 15% per year over all border points). From both sides of the border there is an interest in getting more detail on this reduction over specific border points and within a certain timeframe, so that an optimal solution on both sides of the border arises. Next to that it is of common interest that the use of the current L-gas system for future H-gas transport is studied. This subject is interlinked with the reduction in cross border L-gas transport.

We very much support the option of future H-gas capacities from the Netherlands due to the good access that the Dutch market offers to international gas sources. The Dutch transmission system functions as a hub for pipeline gas from several locations as well as LNG based imports and thereby ensures diversified supply with existing infrastructure. The existing Dutch German H-gas border connection points are included in the NEP and are considered as options for future additional H-gas supply.

As mentioned, GTS also sees good possibilities to make future H-gas capacities available on the current L-gas border points. The current L-gas infrastructure can probably decrease the need for large scale investments in additional H-gas sourcing. The idea presented in the NEP workshop by the German TSO's to include a "scenario 2030" in the NEP 2014 is very much welcomed by GTS. We believe this future moment in time in which full market conversion will be realized can be a good starting point to design the most efficient gas transport infrastructure for the future and evaluate possible gains in using the current L-gas infrastructure.

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The reduction of L-gas capacities on the German-Dutch border takes effect in the second half of the 10 year period of the current NEP. Therefore GTS suggests to start a joint study with the relevant L-gas TSO's on the optimal allocation of the reduction of the L-gas border capacities and also to explore the possibility for future H-gas transport by using the current L-gas infrastructure. The time needed for such a joint study will mean that the results can be used in the NEP 2014.

Yours faithfully,

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