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SUBJECT Public consultation on TENP supply security scenario

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Dear Sir or Madam,

GRTgaz welcomes the opportunity to participate to the consultation on the TENP scenarios organized by the Bundesnetzagentur. Since the beginning of 2018, GRTgaz has experienced a significant surge in exit flow at Oltingue towards Switzerland. We interpret such situation as the use of GRTgaz network as a by-pass of TENP to supply Italy and Switzerland. It shows market need for a solution to increase southbound flows.

The FNB report on TENP supply security scenario considers, in its Variant 5, the potential role of GRTgaz network in mitigating the capacity unavailability. According to this analysis we understand that the increase of exit capacity from France to Switzerland at Oltingue can contribute to the solution. It would bring more gas to the area South entering Germany via Wallbach (by alleviating the transit southbound constraint and/or countering flow at Wallbach).

At this stage GRTgaz has identified that a capacity increase towards Switzerland by around 60 GWh/d (2,5 GW) would be possible by upgrading part of the interconnection station in Oltingue. Such a solution would offer benefits in terms of cost and implementation lead time for gas consumers of the region and limit the need of investment in Germany.
The exact amount of capacity, hence cost and lead time, depends on conditions at France-Germany and France-Switzerland interconnections. Discussions with relevant operators have started during summer and GRTgaz will come back early autumn 2018 with additional technical, planning and cost information.

Within the framework of the energy transition, smart and efficient solutions will help in limiting infrastructure cost. As a result we invite the Bundesnetzagentur to take into account the upcoming results of these joint analysis when defining the most appropriate solutions to mitigate TENP 1 unavailability.

Yours Sincerely

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