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ENTSOG 2010 Annual Work Programme (AWP) published

The European Gas Transmission System Operators (ENTSOG) today published their first AWP for 2010.

Earlier this year European gas TSOs consulted with the market about what work should be completed in 2010 to establish European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (abbreviated ENTSOG) and to progress towards the single European gas market.

The feedback was that the TSOs should create the ENTSOG as soon as possible rather than await the envisaged start up defined within the Third Package. The TSOs therefore founded ENTSOG on 1 December 2009.

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President said "The ENTSOG 2010 AWP takes account of feedback received and focuses on key projects to deliver a progressive and responsive organisation to meet the challenges of implementing the Third Package," ENTSOG looks forward to the active participation of a wide range of stakeholders.

Specific projects included in the AWP deliver enhanced transparency, Ten Year Network Development Plans, pilot Network Code developments in capacity, development of market based approaches for balancing, IT and Communications Roadmap and procedures to harmonize publication of maintenance information.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager stated: "TSOs are making good steps forward to delivering progress towards the single European gas market. We are looking forward to working in close co-operation with regulators, Commission and all stakeholders to ensure that implementation of the Third Package delivers benefits to the market and reflects a fair balance of interest across all stakeholders."

Background Facts & Figures:

- The ENTSOG is envisaged within the Third Package. Regulation (EC) 715/2009 defines the ENSOG role to including to develop network codes for a European Gas Market, to prepare and publish a ten-year network development plan and to cooperate intensively with market and government stakeholders.
- The ENTSOG was created on the 1 Dec 2009. It comprises 31 members from 21 countries. Others will join shortly.
- The website www.entsog.eu will provide further information about progress which will include the imminent publication of the first ENTSOG Ten Year Network Development Plan.

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