

Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts Summer Supply Outlook

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas adopted its first Summer Supply Outlook . This report complements the Winter Outlooks that TSOs started publishing in 2007. The Summer Supply Outlook 2010 will enable to start the dialogue with stakeholders and to lay the foundation for continuous improvement of future summer outlooks. ENTSOG therefore welcomes feedback on this year's Summer Outlook to be able to better cater for the needs of the market in the future. The report, incl. annexes is available at www.entsog.eu/publications .

Gas transmission systems bring gas to the markets. Gas markets' demand patterns are influenced by different factors, among which seasonal temperature differences are important. In winter, demand in most Member States is high for heating purposes and gas is withdrawn from storage facilities. In summer, capacities are needed to transport volumes for both storage filling and current market demand. ENTSOG has therefore decided to define the objective of this Summer Supply Outlook 2010 as to provide an overview of the market demand and storage injection in each of the six months from April through to September, and to assess the capacity of the transmission system to transport these volumes.

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President said: "For each month, a simulation of the European network was carried out and a consistent solution was found for each country's supply and demand balance. Integrated flow patterns reveal functioning capacity and demand balances in summer 2010, and show that there is considerable flexibility in most countries. ENTSOG plans to review the results of this Report on the basis of actual flows in autumn 2010."

ENTSOG would like to note that the integrated flow patterns represent hypothetical cases just for the purposes of this Summer Outlook and are based on storage stock assumptions made in early April which might have since been adjusted.

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Notes to Editors

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 ahead of the applicability of Regulation (EC) 715/2009 which foresees its establishment. ENTSOG is based in Brussels and initially comprises 31 members from 21 countries.