

## Press Release

### **European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts Winter Supply Outlook 2011-2012.**

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas adopted the Winter Supply Outlook 2011-2012. The report provides an assessment of the European gas network regarding its ability to allow for supply flexibility when meeting the High Daily Demand and the evolution of storage stock level during Winter 2011-2012 (October to March). The conclusions are that

- Gas stocks available on 1 October 2011 are sufficient to cover at least a 10% increase in the overall European Winter demand in comparison with an average winter (this is equivalent to about 365 TWh of additional consumption, which is as high as the total French Winter demand).
- The European gas network is sufficiently robust in all parts of Europe to offer significant flexibility even under High Daily Demand conditions.

ENTSOG also carried out sensitivity studies to further illustrate:

- The impact of a change in winter demand on storage stock level (volume perspective).
- The flexibility offered by the network to enable shippers to optimize their supply under High Daily Demand conditions (capacity perspective).

The integrated flow patterns used in the analysis were developed specifically for this Winter Supply Outlook. They should not be considered as a forecast notwithstanding that they result from TSOs' experience and ENTSOG modelling and supply assumptions.

To complement the Supply Outlooks, ENTSOG also carried out an analysis of the past seasons and, along the Winter Supply Outlook 2011-2012 presents a review of Summer 2010, Winter 2010-2011 and a preliminary review of Summer 2011.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said: "With this Winter Supply Outlook, ENTSOG aimed at further improving its Outlook reports and providing the market with analysis of multiple scenarios. It is also the first time that ENTSOG presents reviews of the past seasons as an expression of its constant effort to enhance transparency regarding the gas market developments".

ENTSOG welcomes feedback on its Winter Supply Outlook and Review reports to be able to better cater for the needs of the market in the future. The report, incl. annexes is available at [http://www.entsog.eu/publications/index\\_g\\_OR.html](http://www.entsog.eu/publications/index_g_OR.html).

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***Notes to Editors***

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and currently comprises 39 members from 23 EU countries.
- In line with Art. 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG is obliged to publish annual Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks.

