

Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts Winter Supply Outlook 2012-13 & Winter 2011-12 Review

The European Network of Transmission System Operators has adopted its Winter Supply Outlook 2012-13 and the accompanying Review of Winter 2011-12.

In the Winter Supply Outlook, ENTSOG has undertaken an assessment of the European gas network to analyse whether it is able to meet various High Daily Demand conditions. In order to give context to such potential situations, a sensitivity analysis has been carried out of the possible evolution of UGS stock level across the season (October 2012 to March 2013). The conclusions are:

- > **Gas stocks available on 1 October 2012 are sufficient to cover a 10% increase in the overall gas demand in comparison with the average winter as defined by TSOs.**
- > **The European gas system is robust enough to offer significant flexibility under High Daily Demand conditions in the middle or at the end of the Winter as well as during a cold spell similar to the one of February 2012.**
- > **In case of a disruption of transit through Ukraine, most of the South-East European countries would not be able to meet the whole of their required demand.**

To complement the Supply Outlook, ENTSOG also carried out a review of the Winter 2011-12 with a particular focus on the cold spell of February 2012 and the link between gas and electricity.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *“This Winter Supply Outlook shows that the report focusing on Security of Supply has now acquired a certain maturity. In addition, it addresses feedback from Member States received through the Gas Coordination Group and includes a disruption case specifically defined by them. The accompanying review of the last Winter proves the ability of gas infrastructures to react according to market needs and provides valuable insight into the growing link between gas and electricity market”.*

ENTSOG welcomes feedback on the published report which is a key element for improving the report and catering better for the needs of the market in the future.

The report is available at: <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/outlooks.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 40 TSO Members and 2 Associated Partners from 24 EU countries, and 3 Observers from 3 non-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.