

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts Summer Supply Outlook 2012

The European Network of Transmission System Operators adopted its third Summer Supply Outlook and the accompanying Reviews of Summer 2011 and Winter 2011-2012 (preliminary).

In the Summer Supply Outlook, ENTSOG has undertaken an assessment of the European gas network to analyse whether the grid is able to meet both demand and injection needs during Summer 2012 (April to September). A sensitivity study has been carried out to further illustrate the ability of the network to enable a shorter injection season and to face a wide range of supply patterns.

The conclusions are:

The European gas network is sufficiently robust in all parts of Europe to enable:

- Maintenance in order to ensure infrastructure safety and reliability
- Injection programme aiming at full filling of storage in preparation of the upcoming Winter
- Flexibility for network users

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President said: "We are pleased to say that the analysis carried out confirms there is flexibility in the European network to accommodate different flow patterns allowing network users to make use of arbitrage opportunities while filling the storage in preparation for the coming winter"

ENTSOG welcomes feedback on the published report, which is a key element for improving the report quality 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

- In line with Art. 8(3)(f) of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG is to publish a Summer Supply Outlook on annual basis.
 - ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members and 2 Associated Partners from 24 countries, and 3 Observers from 3 non-EU countries.