Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) Winter Supply Outlook 2015/16 concludes that the European gas system will offer sufficient flexibility over the winter.


ENTSOG Winter Outlook, published annually following Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, provides a valuable overview of the European gas network for the upcoming winter (2015/2016). It was developed in close cooperation with GLE and GSE. It analyses the possible evolution of underground storage inventory along the whole winter for both a 1-in-2 year winter and a cold winter as well as the ability of the gas system to face high demand situations (1-day Design Case and 2-week Cold Spell).

The European gas infrastructure offers sufficient flexibility across the season, provided gas is available. It is also capable of supplying Ukraine with significant volumes of gas. In the hypothetical case of a disruption of transit through Ukraine under a high demand situation South-East Europe would be strongly impacted.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, “ENTSOG has used sensitivity analyses to check if the current European gas infrastructure is able to cover winter demand under different conditions. The winter supply outlook shows that, thanks to this gas infrastructure, shippers are able to meet different high demand situations in each country under different supply conditions.”

The Winter Supply Outlook 2015/16 is available here.
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Editorial notes

> ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at this link.

> In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.