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Preliminary remark

In the eight weeks period of the non-binding market demand assessment after the start of the annual auction in 2019, a non-binding capacity request in accordance with Article 26 NC CAM in the amount of 10.7 GWh/h for the gas years 2025/26 until 2039/40 was submitted at the market area border between the future market area Trading Hub Europe (THE) and in the direction of Title Transfer Facility (TTF) as dynamically allocable capacity (DZK) with allocation requirement Entry Russia and Entry Poland. It is an unbinding request in addition to already existing capacity at the existing interconnection points.

During the Market Demand Assessment there was shown a demand for additional capacity on the German side. An incremental capacity project was initiated at the market area border THE-TTF by the involved German transport system operators (TSO) Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE), Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH (GUD), GASCADE Gastransport GmbH (GASCADE) and the adjacent Dutch TSO Gasunie Transport Services B. V. (GTS).

Incremental Capacity: Project application for approval at the Market Area Border between THE and TTF

The project application for incremental capacity between the market areas THE and TTF was submitted to both regulators, Bundesnetzagentur and the Autoriteit Consument en Markt, on 1st of November 2020.

In parallel with the incremental capacity process, scenarios showing an endangerment of the security of supply in the Netherlands was introduced to the German network development plan (NDP) 2020-2030. In the approval of the scenario framework 12 GWh/h DZK were included to be considered in the NDP 2020-2030. This amount was taken into account in the NDP 2020-2030 draft document.

In the request for amendments to the NDP 2020-2030, published on 19th March 2021, no changes were requested with regard to the measures providing the capacity in the amount of 12 GWh/h at the market area border THE-TTF.

Omission of the requirement for an approval

Since no amendments with regard to the projects listed within the security of supply scenario for the Netherlands in the NDP 2020-2030 were requested, a DZK in the amount of 12 GWh/h with allocation requirement Entry Lubmin II and Greifswald will be provided at the Exit Zone Oude Statenzijl H therefore increasing the future technical capacity at the border between the market areas THE and TTF on the German side. Due to the increase of the technical capacity in the amount of 12 GW the initially requested non-binding demand of 10,7 GW can now be realized within free technical capacity. Beyond that, no further action is necessary to provide the requested capacity.

As a result, there is no more need for incremental capacity, whereby the submitted project application for incremental capacity between the market areas THE and TTF can no longer be authorized by the involved regulatory authorities.

Consequently, OGE, GASCADE, GUD and GTS hereby withdraw the project application submitted on 1st November 2020 for approval on the procedure initiated in 2019 for incremental capacity at the market area border between TTF and THE.

Conclusion of the procedure

From the perspective of the involved TSOs the incremental capacity Process at the market area border is therefore completed.

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