

**Demand assessment report
for the incremental capacity process
starting 2017
between NetConnect Germany and Norway**

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This report is a joint assessment of the potential for incremental capacity projects conducted by¹

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¹ Gassco AS, the operator of the Norwegian upstream pipeline system, is not obliged to follow the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/459. Gassco stated that it will currently not participate in the Incremental Capacity process.

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A. Non-binding Demand indications

In line with Art. 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/459, the transmission systems operators conducting this market demand assessment report gave network users the opportunity to submit non-binding demand indications to quantify potential demand for incremental capacity. The period for submission on both sides of the border between Germany and Norway was 6th April to 1st June 2017.

Within this period no non-binding demand indications regarding the respective border were received by the TSOs. Non-binding demand indications received after the dead-line will be considered in the next market demand assessment report.

B. Demand assessment

i. Historical usage pattern

As stated above, for the incremental capacity cycle addressed by this report no non-binding market demand indications were received. Therefore, an analysis of the historical capacity utilization between the respective entry-exit systems to support the assessment of the demand for incremental capacity is not necessary.

ii. Relations to GRIPs, TYNDP, NDPs

Since no non-binding demand indication were received by the respective TSOs, the relations to Gas Regional Investment Plans (GRIPs), to the Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) and to national development plans (NDPs) are not relevant.

iii. Expected amount, direction and duration of demand for incremental capacity

Since no non-binding demand indications were received by the respective TSOs, it is safe to assume that the availability of gas transmission capacity at the respective entry-exit system border is currently sufficient from network users point of view.

C. Conclusion for the (non)-initiation of an incremental capacity project/process

Considering the elements mentioned in section A and B of this report, at this stage no ground is identified to consider starting an incremental capacity project. This doesn't preclude the conclusions of a following demand assessment exercise.

Hence, for the entry-exit-systems addressed by this report no incremental capacity project/process nor technical studies will be initiated based on this market demand assessment report.

D. Provisional timeline

For the time being no incremental project will be initiated. The next incremental process will at the latest start after the yearly capacity auction in 2019, unless triggered sooner by non-binding demand indications submitted in the meantime.

E. Interim arrangements for the auction of existing capacity on the concerned IP(s)

Due to the fact that no incremental project will be initiated based on this market demand assessment, interim arrangements are not required for the time being.

F. Fees

For the incremental capacity cycle addressed in this report, neither Open Grid Europe nor Thyssengas introduced a fee for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications. The decision on this matter for one specific incremental capacity cycle is without prejudice for any following cycles.

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