

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

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Since the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 is not applicable to the non-EU countries and gas transmission system operator on the Norwegian side of the border doesn't participate in the incremental process, this report is a joint assessment of the potential for incremental capacity projects conducted only for the German side of the border by following TSOs:

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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 the German side of entry-exit system border between GASPOOL 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, if any, will be considered in the next market demand assessment report. Therefore, the amount of 0 for non-binding demand indications has been used as a basis for this demand assessment.

Demand assessment

i. Historical usage pattern at interconnection points between the GASPOOL and Norway

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 TSO's, the relations to GRIPS, TYNDP and NDPs are not considered further.

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 user's point of view.

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

Given that no demand for incremental capacity is identified on either side of both entry-exit-systems, no technical studies will be conducted by involved TSOs.

Hence, for the entry-exit-system addressed by this report no incremental capacity project/process will be initiated based on this market demand assessment report.

Provisional timeline

For the time being no incremental project will be initiated. The next incremental process will start after the yearly capacity auction in 2019.

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.

Fees

According to Article 26 (11) of Regulation (EU) 2017/459 transmission system operators may charge fees for activities which result from the transmission of non-binding demand indications. Whether to demand fees or not will be evaluated by the transmission system operators for every single incremental capacity cycle. The decision on this matter for one specific incremental capacity cycle is without prejudice for any following cycles.

For the incremental capacity cycle addressed by this report, on the GASPOOL-side of the border no fees applied to the submission of non-binding demand indications.

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