

**Demand assessment report
for the incremental capacity process
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between Market Area Vorarlberg and Tirol
(Austria) and NetConnect Germany**

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¹ According to Article 26 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/459, affected transmission system operators are obliged to create joint market demand assessment reports after the begin of the auction for yearly capacities at least in uneven years. The adjacent grid operators in Vorarlberg and Tirol are no transmission system operators but distribution system operators and therefore not included within this report.

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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 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 is not necessary.

i. Relations to Investment and Network Development Plans (GRIPs, TYNDP, NDPs)

Since no non-binding demand indication were received by the respective TSOs, the relations to GRIPs, TYNDP and NDPs are not relevant.

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

Since no non-binding demand indications were received by the respective TSOs, the existing gas transmission capacity meets the market demand.

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

Since no request for incremental capacity was received for the entry-exit-systems addressed by this report no incremental capacity project nor technical studies will be initiated.

D. Provisional timeline

For the time being no incremental project will be initiated. The next market demand assessment cycle will start at the latest in 2019 after the auction of yearly capacities.

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, none of the involved transmission system operators introduced a fee for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications. This decision is without prejudice about introducing or not introducing fees in subsequent incremental processes.



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