

Market information on THE VIP implementation

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Art. 19 (9) Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (NC CAM) provides for the implementation of virtual interconnection points (VIP). Due to the merger of the Netconnect Germany (NCG) and GASPOOL market areas into the new Trading Hub Europe (THE) market area on October 1st, 2021, there will be an obligation at some borders to merge further interconnection points (IP) and existing VIPs to new THE-VIPs. The transmission system operators (TSOs) on the borders with Denmark, the Netherlands (H-Gas & L-Gas), Belgium and the Czech Republic are affected by a merger to form THE-VIPs

The companies Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH (Fluxys TENP), GASCADE Gastransport GmbH (GASCADE), GTG Nord GmbH (GTG), Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE), Thyssengas GmbH (TG), ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH (GUD) and GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH would like to inform you about the current status (16.10.2020) of the VIP implementation.

Overview of new VIPs

According to the current state of planning, the merging of the market areas will integrate the following IPs and current VIPs on the borders with the Netherlands (H-Gas & L-Gas), Belgium and Denmark to the following new VIPs:

New VIP	VIP-TSO	involved TSO	relevant IPs	Current VIP(s)
THE - Netherlands (H)*	GUD	Fluxys TENP GASCADE TG OGE	Oude Statenzijl H (GUD), Bunde (GASCADE), Bocholtz (Fluxys TENP), Bocholtz (OGE), Oude Statenzijl (OGE), Bocholtz-Vetschau (TG),	VIP TTF-GASPOOL-H, VIP TTF-NCG H
THE - Netherlands (L)*	TG	GTG GUD OGE	Oude Statenzijl (L) (GTG), Oude Statenzijl L (GUD), Elten (OGE), Vreden (OGE), Tegelen (OGE), Haanrade (TG), Zevenaer (TG), Dinxperlo	VIP TTF-GASPOOL-L, VIP-TTF-NCG-L
THE – Belgium*	OGE	Fluxys TENP TG GASCADE	Eynatten-Raeren (OGE), Eynatten (Fluxys TENP), Lichtenbusch (TG), Eynatten (GASCADE),	VIP Belgium - NCG
THE – Denmark*	GUD	OGE	Ellund (OGE), Ellund (GUD)	

* Provisional title for prospective VIPs, name assignment to VIP not yet completed

The marketing of the new VIP is performed by the respective "VIP-TSO".

The formation of a VIP THE Czech Republic is still being evaluated and is therefore not included in the table above. As soon as the TSOs involved have carried out a final evaluation of the obligation of VIP formation, they will inform the market again.

Furthermore, the TSOs responsible for the respective VIP will inform the market individually for each VIP about the respective current implementation status and relevant implementation dates in the future.

Contract conditions: will the dual model remain?

The essential details of the implementation of the “dual model” agreed with the Federal Network Agency still apply, as published on the website. The handling of existing contracts with IPs will not change with the newly formed THE-VIPs.

In contrast to already concluded IP contracts, existing VIP contracts concluded at the current NCG and GASPOOL VIPs that have to be merged to the new THE-VIPs will be completely transferred to the new THE VIPs as specified in the respective terms and conditions of the TSOs. At present, the concerned TSOs are still working on the design of the transfer of contracts from the NCG and GASPOOL VIPs to the new THE-VIPs and will inform the affected shippers sufficiently in advance.