

Information

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Temporary capacity restrictions on TENP pipeline system

Extensive investigations on TENP I (Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline), one of the two pipelines of the dual gas transmission system from Bocholtz (on the German/Dutch border) to Wallbach (on the German/Swiss border), have revealed corrosion defects.

The TENP I natural gas transmission pipeline was built in the 1970s. Along the pipeline section from the Eifel to Wallbach the welded joints were coated with a material for protection against corrosion which was used very little in Germany. Based on today's findings the coating was also applied incorrectly. Over the years, it has partially disbonded from the pipe. In view of these findings and following consultation of the independent technical expert, the TENP I pipeline section affected will now be shut down immediately.

In order to ensure the safety of gas transmission on the TENP system, further tests will now be carried out and appropriate measures taken (cf. maintenance project No. 21019101, published on the list of actions in the section *Actions at relevant points* on the OGE website). As a result, the transmission capacity of the TENP system will be restricted until 31st March 2019.

During this period, OGE will be able to offer a firm capacity of approximately 3.4 million kWh/h at Bocholtz and a capacity of approximately 3.6 million kWh/h at Wallbach. Other than that OGE will not be able to offer any additional transmission capacities at these points during the 2017/18 gas year. Regardless of these restrictions, the agreed transmission capacities for gas supplies to Baden-Württemberg will be provided by the parallel pipeline TENP II, also in the 2017/18 gas year.

The markets have been duly notified, inter alia via the OGE website. The authorities will also be informed in due course.

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Update (17th November 2017):

Due to intensive coordination between the affected grid operators and due to additional measures OGE is able to increase the available, firm capacity at the interconnection point Wallbach Exit to approximately 5.0 Mio. kWh/h until 31st March 2018 and to approximately 4.6 Mio. kWh/h until 31st December 2018. At the interconnection point Bocholtz Entry at least 3.0 Mio. kWh/h can be provided by OGE until 31st December 2018 (cf. maintenance project No. 21019101, published on the list of actions in the section *Actions at relevant points* on the OGE website).

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