

PRESS RELEASE

Gas storage neutrality charge to be abolished from January 1, 2026

Berlin/Düsseldorf, 20. November 2025 Trading Hub Europe GmbH (THE) will not levy a surcharge pursuant to Section 35e of the Energy Industry Act (EnWG) to ensure that gas storage facilities meet their filling level requirements (gas storage neutrality charge) from January 1, 2026. The non-levying of the gas storage neutrality charge is conditional upon the abolition of the surcharge procedure when the amended EnWG comes into force. If, contrary to expectations, the amendment to the law does not come into force, the gas storage neutrality charge will continue to amount to EUR 2.89/MWh from January 1, 2026.

The background of the gas storage neutrality charge levied to date is the provisions of the EnWG, which stipulate filling level requirements for storage facilities. Since the law came into force in 2022, THE has taken various measures in accordance with the legal requirements to ensure security of supply. These included, in particular, the filling of various gas storage facilities.

The company Trading Hub Europe GmbH was founded on June 1, 2021 through cooperation between the network operators bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, NaTran Deutschland GmbH, Nowega GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. The high-pressure pipeline system in the Germany-wide Trading Hub Europe market area has a total length of around 40,000 km and connects more than 700 downstream grids. The tasks of the market area manager include balancing group management, the operation of the virtual trading point and the procurement of balancing energy. Trading Hub Europe thus ensures the operation of the market area and makes an important contribution to the supply of natural gas in Germany and Europe.

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