

Information Request on Security of Gas Supply 2010 report

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with EU Directives 2003/55/EC and 2004/67/EC, which have been transposed into national legislation in the form of the Gas Act, the Minister of Economic Affairs is obliged to deliver an annual report to the European Commission on the current position regarding the security of gas supply and the related measures that have already been taken or are proposed. On the strength of Article 10a paragraph 1 (f) of the Gas Act, the Minister of Economic Affairs has instructed Gas Transport Services B.V. (GTS) to carry out the tasks outlined in Article 52a of the Gas Act. This instruction dated 11 December 2008 was published as a Ministerial Decree in the Government Gazette of 11 December 2008 (ET/EM /8194913).

We are grateful for your assistance in compiling the Security of Gas Supply (Voorzieningszekerheid Gas) 2009 report. The data that you provided has enabled GTS to compile a report which shows to what extent the short and long-term security of gas supply in the Netherlands is guaranteed. For 2010 we would again ask you to provide us with information in accordance with Article 34 of the Gas Act. This information requirement is largely the same as it was last year.

TenneT similarly monitors electricity production trends in the Netherlands for the Minister of Economic Affairs.

In accordance with the deadline by which the minister must submit his report to the European Commission, your information will need to be available to GTS by 31 January 2010 at the latest.

Due to the potential commercial sensitivity of your information, we wish to point out that GTS will regard the details provided by you as confidential information and will not disclose them in any way whatsoever. The data will be included in the report once it has been aggregated and fully anonymised, as outlined in the Gas Act. Secure processing of this information is guaranteed by an assurance declaration from Ernst & Young. This declaration will be sent to you by email in mid-December 2009.

GTS will send the Security of Gas Supply 2010 report to the Minister of Economic Affairs by 1 June 2010. It will be published on the GTS website by 1 September 2010. The Security of Gas Supply 2009 report will then be available for consultation purposes on the GTS website.

More details regarding the information request, the information collection process and the Security of Supply 2009 report can be found in the appendix to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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CEO Gas Transport Services B.V.

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Specification of information to be supplied for the 2011 – 2030 period

By shippers:

- Annual volumes (contracted and not yet contracted) and related gas quality (Calorific value);
- The origin of the gas (the Netherlands, imports in the form of LNG or by means of existing pipelines) and the destination of the gas (the Netherlands, export);

Timing for supplying the requested information

The data must be available to GTS by 31 January 2010 at the latest.

Methods of data supply

The data must be supplied by means of a portal application (available through user-ID and password) provided by GTS, which will be presented to you in mid-December 2009. The template of the datasheet will be available via the portal application and will be published on the GTS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your account manager or the mailbox on VZG@gastransport.nl

Reference report

The Security of Gas Supply 2009 report can be consulted on the GTS website for reference.

The English version is available on:

<http://www.gastransportservices.nl/content/documents/701954/701956/1122308.pdf>

The Dutch version is available on:

<http://www.gastransportservices.nl/content/documents/701954/701956/1122301.pdf>