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A. Non-binding Demand indications

In line with Art. 26 of Regulation (EU) 2017/459, the transmission system 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 on both sides of the border between the Czech Republic - NET4GAS and NetConnect Germany 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 deadline will be considered in the next market demand assessment report.

B. Demand assessment

i. Historical usage pattern at interconnection points between NET4GAS and NetConnect Germany

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 to support the assessment of the demand for incremental capacity is not necessary.

ii. Relations to GRIPs, TYNDP, NDPs

The TYNDP 2017, the GRIP North West 2017 and the GRIP Central Eastern Europe 2017 mention one infrastructure project between the entry-exit systems NetConnect Germany and the Czech Republic: Project number TRA-F-753 "West to East operation of the IP Waidhaus". This project is also part of the German Netzentwicklungsplan (NEP) 2015 and part of the draft NEP 2016: Project Number 304-01 "Reversierung West-Ost MEGAL VDS Waidhaus". The project promoters of this project are GRTgaz Deutschland and Open Grid Europe. The extension of the existing compressor and metering station at the interconnection point Waidhaus will allow physical gas flows from Germany to the Czech Republic on an interruptible basis by the end of 2018.

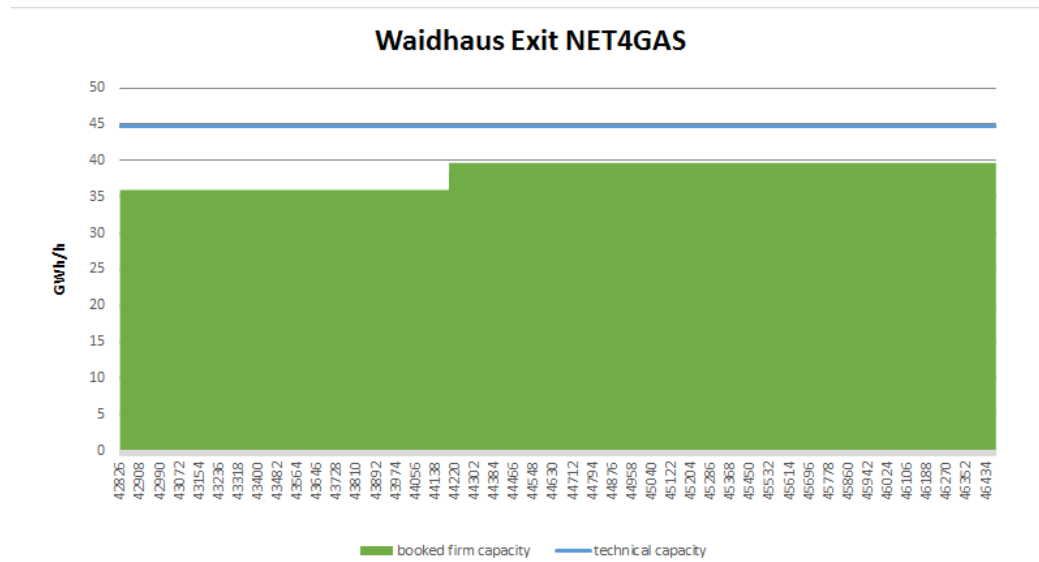
iii. Expected amount, direction and duration of demand for incremental capacity

Since no non-binding demand indications were received by the respective TSOs, it is safe to assume that the availability of gas transmission capacity at the respective border is currently sufficient from network user's point of view.

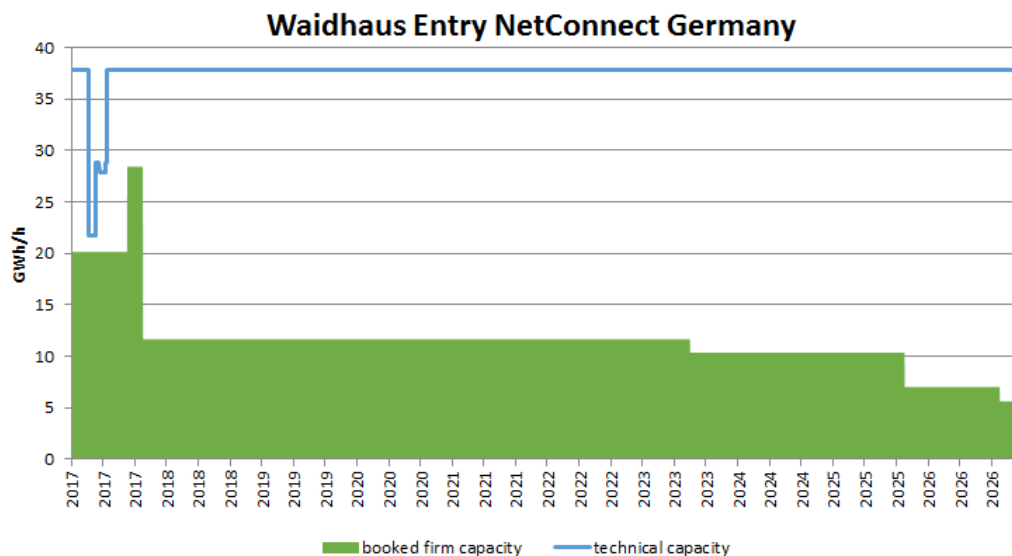
C. Conclusion for the non-initiation of an incremental capacity project/process

Given that no demand for incremental capacity is identified on either side of both entry-exit-systems, the involved TSOs deem it unnecessary to conduct technical studies. Furthermore the booking situation in the coming years does not highlight the need for a technical study within the incremental process:

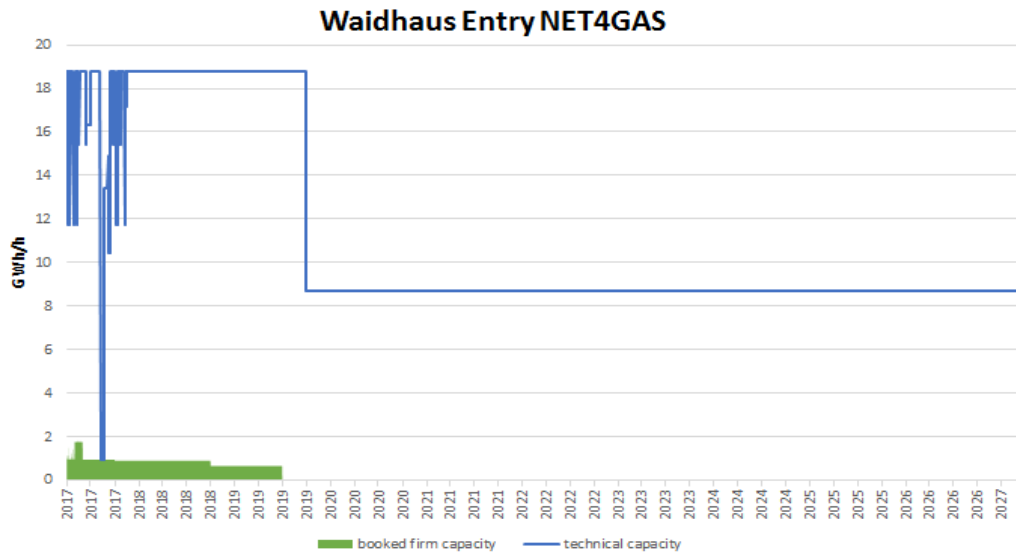
a. Exit NET4GAS (to NetConnect Germany)



b. Entry NetConnect Germany (from NET4GAS)



c. Entry NET4GAS (from NetConnect Germany)



d. Exit NetConnect Germany (to NET4GAS)

Capacities from NetConnect Germany to NET4GAS are only offered on an interruptible basis on the German side of the entry-exit system border.

Hence, for the entry-exit-systems addressed by this report no incremental capacity project/process will be initiated based on this market demand assessment report.

D. Provisional timeline

For the time being no incremental project will be initiated. The next incremental process will start after the yearly capacity auction in 2019.

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 this incremental capacity cycle.

F. Fees

For the incremental capacity cycle addressed by this report, no fees applied to the submission of non-binding demand indications neither on the Czech Republic nor on the German side of the



border between the two respective entry-exit-systems. The decision on this matter for one specific incremental capacity cycle has no significance for any following cycles.

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