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European Gas Industry Agrees on Gas Quality Specifications

Today, the Executive Committee of EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas, has reached agreement on harmonisation of gas quality specifications for the European gas market. Common Business Practice 2005-001/01 recommends natural gas quality specifications to streamline interoperability at cross-border points in Europe and describes the recommended gas quality parameters, parameter ranges and the implementation plan.

The CBP is limited to cross border and EU entry points for high calorific gas without added odorants, including LNG import terminals and excluding areas of production and isolated systems where production, transportation and utilisation are combined.

Common Business Practices simplify and streamline business processes and thereby lead to an efficient and effective European gas market. The development of Common Business Practices is managed by an Executive Committee composed of industry representatives from each part of the gas value chain.

Wim Groenendijk, chairman of the Executive Committee says "The approval of this Common Business Practice is a very important step for EASEE-gas and its members. It has taken us two years to achieve this very important result. There was massive interest from all parts of the gas value chain. The agreement we have achieved today is broadly supported throughout the industry. This clearly demonstrates that the gas industry is actively co-operating to further improve the interoperability of networks and enhance the development of the liberalised European market. Additional work on gas quality is still required within EASEE-gas, but we are very happy to have reached this important milestone."

The EASEE-gas Executive Committee, through various Working Groups, will continue to develop Common Business Practices in close consultation with stakeholders, including the Madrid Forum. EASEE-gas presently has 78 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 14 associate members (industry associations, government agencies).

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The CBPs can be found on the EASEE-gas website - www.easee-gas.org