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EURELECTRIC Preliminary position

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Preliminary EURELECTRIC views (1)

- We welcome recognition that competitive markets are necessary for sustainable, competitive and secure supply. **The 1st priority is to complete the Internal gas and electricity markets, ensuring convergence of the two sectors.**
- For gas, imports are vital. Effective gas liberalisation thus strongly depends on the transport regulation in import/ transit countries (inside and outside the EU).



Preliminary EURELECTRIC views (2)

Completing the Internal gas market requires:

- Effective implementation of the Directive/ Regulation
- Harmonisation on all vital issues for trade, e.g. cross-border procedures and balancing mechanisms
- Optimised use of existing network/ storage capacity + investment in more cross-border capacity
- Absence of discrimination in access to import pipelines
- .../...



Preliminary EURELECTRIC views (3)

Completing the Internal gas market requires:

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- More transparency on network/ storage access & operation
- nTPA restricted to storage facilities where there is genuine competition
- Limiting the prevalence of long-term transit and downstream contracts
- Promotion of hub to hub trading to enhance liquidity and reach gas to gas competition

Preliminary EURELECTRIC views (4)

- **Emergency gas stocks**
 - Enhancement of investments in storages are very useful to develop open gas market and to face emergency situations
 - However prescriptive emergency gas stocks should not be required at EU level, but it should be left to Member States
- **Towards a coherent external energy policy**
 - Supports the Commission intention to strive for a more coordinated approach to external policies
 - European policy should pursue the **supply diversification** connecting new gas producer countries to Europe by developing the necessary pipelines and LNG terminals