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Dear

Fluxys TENP GmbH is a certified independent gas Transmission Operator (TSO) in Germany and fully owned by Fluxys Group in Belgium. Fluxys TENP is marketing around 2/3 of the TENP (Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline) capacity. The TENP system is operated by TENP KG in which we have a 49% share.

The TENP system is running from North to South from the Dutch/German border as well as from the Belgium/German border towards the German/Swiss border; afterwards the pipeline is operated by Transitgas till it reaches the Swiss/Italian border.

Currently Fluxys TENP is developing together with three other TSOs (Fluxys Belgium, FluxSwiss and Snam Rete) the Reverse Flow Project, which would enable gas flows from South to North. All related projects are under the responsibility of the various involved TSOs, the relevant Fluxys TENP projects in Germany are identified and listed as Projects of Common Interest (PCI) with Nos. 5.10 and 5.12.

From our perspective the Reverse Flow Project represents the unique opportunity to improve European security of supply by enabling gas imports from Africa and Caspian regions and reduces the dependency from Russia north of the Alps (incl. CEE). In addition it supports the integration of the European gas market including substantial European solidarity. Several countries, also those which are not involved in the project, would benefit from it. Finally the project includes a lot of innovation due to the development of a deodorization technology in an industrial

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scale; the technology enables flows from THT odorized gas in France into the European market, which is currently not possible because THT is not accepted in German TSO systems.

Nevertheless the project circumstances are very complex and the situation of Fluxys TENP in the German regulation is very much different from a typical national German TSO. The combination of both leads us to the decision to apply for grants for works within the CEF Energy Call for Proposals.

It would be very useful to explain the Reverse Flow Project and the circumstances in a face-to-face meeting. We would highly appreciate if you would have time for this and would like to suggest the following alternative meeting dates in your premises:

- Tuesday, 8th July 2014, 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday, 10th July 2014, 11am to 1pm
- Friday, 11th July 2014, 2pm to 4pm

We are flexible for other meeting dates suggestions during the 28th calendar week or earlier, in case none of the above mentioned dates are convenient for you.

We would also like to suggest the participation of a representative from Bundesnetzagentur in the meeting; thus we have already checked that a representative would also be available at the above mentioned timings.

Kind regards



CEO Germany



Commercial Manager