



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **TENP gas pipeline system expansion**

- **Start of preliminary investigations**
- **Presentation of the project to authorities**

### **TENP III pipeline project gathering pace**

The TENP pipeline system consists of two parallel transmission pipelines built in the 1970s (TENP I) and the 1990s and 2000s (TENP II). Starting at the German-Dutch border, the pipelines carry natural gas over a distance of about 500 km towards Switzerland and Italy. Following the successful completion of a reversal project, they can now also move natural gas from the Swiss border northwards. There are four compressor stations along the route to maintain the pressure required for gas transportation.

Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline GmbH & Co. KG is a subsidiary of the two gas transmission system operators Open Grid Europe GmbH and Fluxys TENP GmbH. OGE has been commissioned to provide the general engineering services for the TENP III expansion project.

TENP III is needed because of the temporary transmission capacity restrictions on TENP I. The measures now commencing are part of the 2018 and 2020 Gas NDP and ensure security of supply in the Baden-Württemberg region as well as in Switzerland and Italy.

TENP has decided to build the new TENP III pipeline along the same route as TENP I. Project planning has already started and preliminary nature conservation studies, soil investigations and surveying work are currently underway. The project is also currently being presented to the approval authorities.

The project will affect the approx. 38 km route section from Mittelbrunn to Schwanheim in Rhineland Palatinate, the Schwanheim-to-Elchesheim section in Rhineland-Palatinate and Baden-Wuerttemberg, the approx. 30 km section from Schwarzach to Eckartsweier, the approx. 16 km section from Hügelheim to Tannenkirch and the approx. 16 km section from Tannenkirch to Hüsing, all of which are located in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

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#### **About OGE**

OGE is one of Europe's leading gas transmission system operators. With our pipeline network spanning approximately 12,000 kilometres, we transport gas throughout Germany. Our geographic location makes us the central link for gas flows across the European single market. 1,450 OGE employees ensure security of supply. We make our network available to all market participants in a transparent and non-discriminatory way in line with market needs. We enable energy supply. Today and in the energy mix of the future.

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#### **About Fluxys**

Fluxys TENP GmbH is involved in the TENP pipeline system and markets about 64 % of the system's transmission capacity. Through its sister company Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, it also markets approximately 24% of the NEL capacity and 16.5% of the EUGAL capacity. Fluxys TENP is part of the Belgian Fluxys Group, which operates a storage facility and the LNG terminals in Zeebrugge and Dunkirk as well as the Belgian gas transmission system. Through numerous shareholdings in existing European gas infrastructure companies and projects, the Fluxys Group is aiming to increase security of supply and market liquidity in Europe by simplifying cross-border gas transportation.

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