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GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and a Ukrainian gas pipeline operator “Ukrtransgaz” have signed a cooperation agreement

Polish and Ukrainian transmission system operators - GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and PJSC “UKRTRANSGAZ” signed a cooperation agreement on 17 December 2014.

The main purpose of the agreement is to establish the principles of cooperation in the preparation and analyzes of the investments required for the development of cross-border transmission capacity between Poland and Ukraine.

A feasibility study will be prepared as a part of the agreement, which will constitute the basis for making further decisions on the development of the transmission systems of both countries.

The integration of the Polish transmission system with the Ukrainian system is part of the North-South Corridor connecting the LNG Terminal in winouj cie to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe through the transmission systems of the individual countries and cross-border interconnections. The purpose of this integration is to create a flexibly operating transmission infrastructure in the individual countries connecting Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States.

GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. has already started to make investments in the Polish transmission system within the framework of the North-South gas corridor. The transmission system will be extended in the western, southern and eastern parts of Poland within the framework of these activities. These investments have been classified by the European Commission as Projects of Common Interest (PCI).

GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. has started providing gas transportation services through the Hermanowice point of interconnect to Ukraine from 1 November 2012. The service is currently provided on an interruptible basis, which means that it may be interrupted or limited due to gas flow conditions prevailing in the Polish or Ukrainian networks.. The maximum technical capacity of the transmission of gas through the Hermanowice point of interconnect to Ukraine, in favourable technical conditions of the spread of gas, is currently up to approximately 1.5 billion bcm/year.

GAZ-SYSTEM is a strategic company for the Polish economy. It is responsible for the transmission of natural gas, manages the most important gas pipelines in Poland and owns the President Lech Kaczy ski LNG Terminal in winouj cie.

As part of the 2015-2025 investment programme, GAZ-SYSTEM is constructing over 2000 km of new gas pipelines in the western, southern and eastern parts of Poland. Over a dozen new gas pipelines are under construction within the North-South Gas Corridor and the compressor station in K dzierzyn K o le, as well as interconnections with Lithuania and Slovakia. Onshore gas pipelines are planned to connect the planned FSRU floating terminal in the Gulf of Gdansk with the national transmission system. The LNG Terminal in winouj cie is also being extended, as a result of which the regasification capacity of this facility will be increased by more than a half.

The company is also implementing one of the most important infrastructural projects in the country - the Baltic Pipe project which consists in the construction of a two-way offshore gas pipeline connecting Poland and Denmark, expansion of the local transmission network and three gas compressor stations.

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