

European Gas Supply Security

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- I. Attracting gas, diversifying supply
- II. Security of supply and the EU internal market
- III. Coping with supply disruptions



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Attracting gas, diversifying supply



Russian gas: important, not dominant



Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy; International Energy Agency; Eurostat



Diversification is accelerating

LNG into Europe



Data source: Poten Partners



UK as EU Western gas corridor



- UK imports are booming way beyond UK 'needs'
- Interconnector exports are growing – despite fall in UK production
- When continental oil-indexed contracts are out of the money, direct challenge from UK gas
- Emergence of a large 'Western gas corridor'
- Based on commercial (nonsubsidised) LNG terminals and merchant, point-to-point interconnectors



Conclusions (I)

- Europe's dependence on Russian is declining; supply diversity is growing rapidly
- Global gas supply <u>and reserves</u> are growing very fast, especially in OECD countries (US, Canada, Australia)
- Europe has no problem attracting (non-Russian) gas to (more than) compensate for EU production decline
- Europe has a large non-conventional resource base
- There is no reason to subsidise, directly or indirectly, noneconomic pipeline projects meant to "reduce Europe's dependence on Russia"



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Security of Supply and the EU "Internal Market"



The market / security nexus

- Efficient markets increase welfare, including through enhanced security of supply
 - Alternative gas is available in times of crisis
 - Contestability breaks the link between contractual and political 'dependence'
- Two key questions for EU policy makers
 - Are price differences arbitraged?
 - If not, why?
 - No transmission capacity available? Why?
 - No investment in transmission? Why?



Supply diversity is in Western Europe



Data source: BP Statistical Review; Eurostat; National Statistics -- 2008 data

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NW Europe: the market seems to work



Data source: Bloomberg

- Hub price convergence clear econometric evidence of market integration (Hamsen & Jepma, 2011)
- Role of LNG in price convergence
- UK-Continent integration puts pressure on oilindexation

urce: Spreadsheet sent to PN by Howard Rogers updated with data from BAFA (German Federal fice for Economics) and Bloomberg



Still no pan-European gas market

- Huge spreads between West and East not arbitraged
 - No capacity trading in transit pipelines
- EU market design prevents efficient investment?
 - TSOs & National Regulators control large entry-exit zones
 - Impossible to sell LT capacity contracts along specific paths (through entry-exit zones)
 - ...although this is how UK-Continent has been done
- European temptation to subsidise (and politicise) pipeline investment
 - ERGEG study / TYNDP / EU infrastructure package
 - Pipeline investment decisions remain centralised in Europe (within zones, and between zones)
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Reforming the EU market model?

- Remove long-distance transportation -- into zones and between zones -- from TSO control and E-E pricing
 - European 'interstate' system separate from E-E zones
 - ISOs operating 'European' pipelines
 - Capacity on 'European' pipelines clearly defined, calculated, and sold via tradable long-term contracts
 - Would kick-start a pan-European capacity market
 - Would allow to have *small* zones, reducing inefficiencies
 - Would allow investment decisions to be *decentralised* a key feature of a successful liberalised market
 - Essential to flexibly adapt to rapidly changing supply patterns



Conclusions (II)

- We will have a pan-European gas market if we have a pan-European market for transmission capacity
- The EU 'market model', based on large entry-exit zones, is incompatible with a market in long-distance, 'trans-European' transmission capacity rights
- The US experience is not transferrable but offers key concepts for reform
- The UK-continent experience (merchant pipelines, longterm, point-to-point capacity contracts with short-term trading) is a European success story



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Coping with supply disruptions





January 2009 -- Greece



Demand fully met by LNG – including spot cargoes



January 2009 -- Bulgaria



Source: Kardejak (2009)

50% of demand left unserved.



Measuring short-term gas supply security

Gas Supply Balance when Russian Gas not Available



Gas Supply Security Indicator – 1st Day of Total Disruption

Ex.: Greece in 'N-1' – minimum security





Greece in 'N-1': maximum security





Gas security in Russia-dependent EU

Range of gas supply security level in "N-1" situation





Cost of improving security: Estonia



Source: Noel & Findlater, forthcoming



Supply curve for gas security: Bulgaria



Peak gas consumption insured, cumulated (mcm/day)



Final Conclusion: main messages

- There is no reason to believe that Europe will be short of gas and that there is a need to develop an EU strategy to 'access' gas reserves or diversify supplies through politically-backed projects.
- A well-functioning, pan-European gas market would increase supply security. There has been some progress but the institutional model chosen makes it very difficult to trade gas across Europe and to invest in pan-European transmission capacity.
- Even without a well-functioning market the most insecure member states can make informed and affordable choices to increase their ability to cope with disruptions.

