**Consultation response**

**to the implementation proposals   
for continued use of existing data exchange solutions**

**put forward by the German gas transmission system operators (TSOs)**

**in relation to TSO-counterparty communications   
under the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange (NC INT)**

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| ***Respondent:*** |  |
| ***Communications have been established with: (please state relevant TSO)*** |  |
| ***Address of respondent:*** |  |
| ***Contact for further queries: (please include contact details)*** |  |
| ***Market role: (please underline as appropriate)*** | Balancing group manager / market area manager / shipper / association / other (please state your market role) |

***Please note:***

*Please submit your response by emailing this feedback form to   
[Konsultation-NC-Int@thyssengas.com](mailto:Konsultation-NC-Int@thyssengas.com) by 22 January 2016 at the latest. Your answers will be taken into account by the TSOs when drafting their applications for continued use of the existing data exchange solutions and submitted to Bundesnetzagentur in unredacted form. Please also send an additional version of your response that is suitable for publication (i.e. a non-confidential version not containing any commercially sensitive or confidential information) to info@fnb-gas.de. All responses submitted to the TSO association Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber e.V. will be published centrally on the association's website.*

**Questions for the counterparties concerned**

1. Do you agree that the consultation document describes all TSO-counterparty communication processes falling within the personal and material scope of application of NC INT (see Table 2 of the consultation document)? If not, what additional communication processes would you consider to fall within the network code's scope? Please also provide the reasons for your view.

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| *Please provide your answer here* |

1. Is there any other existing data exchange solution (e.g. encrypted and signed email) you think should continue to be used and included in the application for approval?

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1. The TSOs are under an obligation to offer the required common data exchange solutions (AS4/Edig@s-XML, see Table 2 of the consultation document) from 1 May 2016. Are you in a position to implement the necessary changes on your part by 1 May 2016 so that you will be able to switch to the new solutions on 1 May 2016?

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1. If you do not think that you will be able to implement the common data exchange solutions ultimately required under NC INT (AS4/Edig@s-XML, see Table 2 of the consultation document) by 1 May 2016 (see question 3): In view of the experiences made in connection with past switches the TSOs believe that a period of one and a half years is a reasonable transition period. Do you agree with this view? If not, please state what other transition period you would consider reasonable and give your reasons.

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| *Please provide your answer here* |

1. Are there any other remarks or aspects you think should be taken into account?

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