



## **Enagás wins the El Musel regasification plant contract**

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The Spanish Directorate-General for Energy Policy and Mines, which comes under the Ministry for Industry, Trade and Tourism, has awarded Enagás the tender to build a new regasification plant at the El Musel port in Gijón.

Initially, the plant will have the capacity to store 300,000m<sup>3</sup> of LNG, divided up between two 150,000m<sup>3</sup> storage tanks, and emission capacity of 800,000m<sup>3</sup>/h. The plant will also have a dock designed to receive methane tankers carrying up to 250,000m<sup>3</sup> of LNG. Construction is expected to take 36 months once all the pertinent administrative authorisations are given.

Planned investment in the new infrastructure is estimated at around €375Mn. This project is included in the total €4.3Bn Enagás has earmarked in its Investment Plan to 2012.

The plant will be designed to allow for its future enlargement to add another two storage tanks with similar capacity and to raise emission capacity to 1,200,000m<sup>3</sup>/h.

It will be located on the extended property of the El Musel port in Gijón, between the dyke towers and the north pier, occupying roughly 18 hectares.

The revised Spanish Electricity and Gas Infrastructure Plan for 2005-2011 rates this plant in the "A" category and expects it to come on-stream in 2010.

Under the new plan, the Gijón terminal will "boost the entry of gas along the Bay of Biscay coastline", allowing natural gas to be supplied under optimal operating and



safety conditions to the 16 CCGT groups of 400MW scheduled to be placed in its area of influence.

It would also contribute additional gas to the system in the region which, coupled with the new transport axes planned, would enable the gas to reach the main consumer centres in central Spain.

Either way, this infrastructure is necessary to meet the peak demand envisaged for the entire gas system throughout the life of the plan (2011).

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