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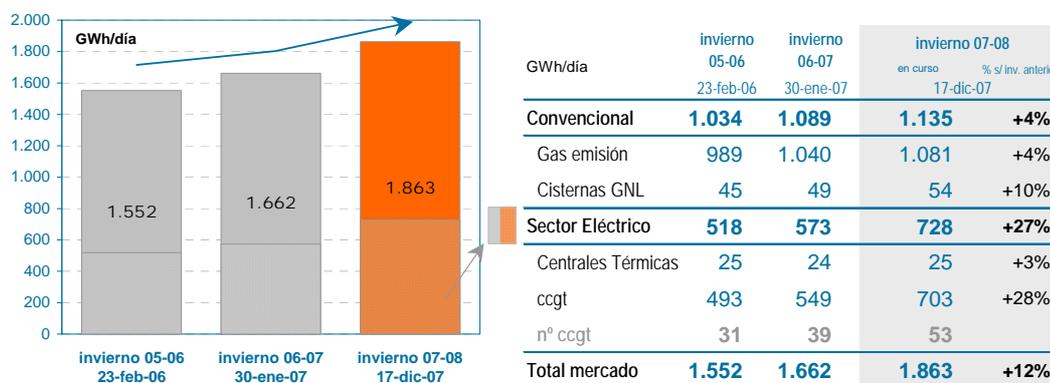
- For the third time this winter, natural gas demand in Spain topped the 1,800 GWh/day mark

Yesterday, 17 December, demand for natural gas in Spain totalled 1,863 GWh. This was the fourth record high set this month and 12% higher than last winter's record of 1,662 GWh set on 30 January.

Meanwhile yesterday's record marks an increase of 1% on the previous record set last 14 December, when demand for natural gas peaked at 1,843 GWh.

Of total demand for natural gas yesterday, 728 GWh went to the electricity market.

Lower-than-average temperatures for this time of year underpinned an increase in demand from the domestic market to 1,135 GWh. Meanwhile, low wind and hydro generation explain the large level of gas deliveries for electricity generation.

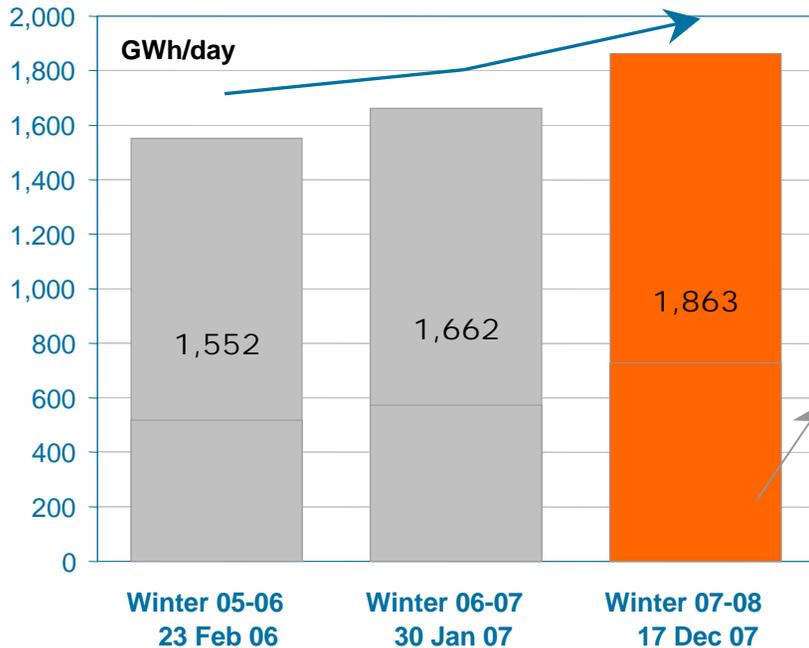


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Attachments:

- Chart showing demand figures and comparisons with previous records.
- Additional data concerning the operation of the gas network on 17 December.
- Demand for natural gas recorded on 17 December in the fastest growing regions of Spain.

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GWh/day	Winter 05-06	Winter 06-07	Winter 07-08	
	23 Feb 06	30 Jan 07	In progress 17 Dec 07	Yoy change (%)
Conventional	1,034	1,089	1,135	+4%
Gas	989	1,040	1,081	+4%
LNG tanks	45	49	54	+10%
Electricity sector	518	573	728	+27%
Thermal power stations	25	24	25	+3%
CCGT	493	549	703	+28%
No. of CCGTs	31	39	53	
Total market	1,552	1,662	1,863	+12%

- For the third time this winter, the 1,800 GWh/day mark -equivalent to two large tankers- has been broken
- Lower-than-average temperatures for this time of year, which underpinned an increase in demand from the domestic market to 1,135 GWh -near the estimated winter peak of 1,150 GWh- coupled with low rainfall and wind generation have boosted gas deliveries for power generation to 728 GWh (with record average power per hour of 45,450 MW reached at 18:53h)

- Murcia stands out due to the strong (45%) increase compared to last winter's record, with the strongest growth in demand from CCGTs in the area: +43 GWh
- Demand grew 36% in Valencia, with an increase of 59 GWh delivered to CCGTs in the area
- Madrid, driven by the cold weather, surpassed last winter's daily peak by 12%
- Gas for the electricity sector in Catalonia grew 40 GWh, while conventional demand slowed
- Gas consumption in the Basque Country was slightly above last winter's record, with the decline in electricity offset by the increase in the conventional market
- Demand from CCGTs increased by 52% thanks to use of the plants in Galicia

RECORD winter demand: 17 Dec 07

Fastest growing regions

CCGTs in operation/test phase



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 26.5 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 40.3 GWh/day (+52%)
% of total: 2.2%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 2.2 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 3.1 GWh/day (+40%)
% of total: 0.2%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 105.5 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 152.7 GWh/day (+45%)
% of total: 8%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 159.2 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 215.9 GWh/day (+36%)
% of total: 12%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 89.9 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 101.1 GWh/day (+12%)
% of total: 5%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 147.1 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 165.4 GWh/day (+12%)
% of total: 9%

RECORD winter demand: 17 Dec 07

Other regions

CCGTs in operation/test phase



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 48.7 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 34.8 GWh/day (-28%)
% of total: 1.9%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 266.3 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 273.6 GWh/day (+3%)
% of total: 15%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 88.2 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 94.8 GWh/day (+7%)
% of total: 5%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 54.5 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 60.7 GWh/day (+11%)
% of total: 3.3%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 189.3 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 192.8 GWh/day (+2%)
% of total: 10%



Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 22.2 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 23.7 GWh/day (+7%)
% of total: 1.3%

CCGTs in operation/test phase



CANTABRIA

Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 26.5 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 22.7 GWh/day (-14%)
% of total: 1.2%



CASTILLA-LA MANCHA

Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 76.6 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 84.7 GWh/day (+11%)
% of total: 5%



CATALONIA

Winter 06-07

30 Jan 07 358.8 GWh/day

Winter 07-08

17 Dec 07 396.9 GWh/day (+11%)
% of total: 21%