

## Demand for natural gas for electricity production hits historic new records

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**Madrid, July 14, 2022.** Yesterday, July 13, demand for natural gas to produce electricity reached 803,8 GWh, surpassing the record of 770 GWh reached on June 16 and the 764 GWh recorded on June 15.

This huge increase in the demand for natural gas for electricity production has been mainly due to the high temperatures recorded as a result of the heat wave, which results in an increase in electricity consumption, accompanied by low hydro, wind and also photovoltaic and solar thermal generation (due to the haze), as well as an increase in electrical exports.

This new consecutive increase in demand for electricity generation highlights the coordination of the electricity and gas systems to guarantee supply in a context of energy transition, and the important role played by natural gas as a back-up for renewable energies at times of record demand.

Today's natural gas demand forecast for electricity generation is lower than yesterday's due to an increase in wind power generation and lower electricity exports.

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