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NOTRHWETS AREA TRANSPORT

Under the obligations established to the Technical Manager of the Spanish Gas System in article 64 of Law 34/1998 of the hydrocarbons sector, especially those referred to the responsibility of the operation of the Basic and secondary transport Grid as well as ensuring the supply guarantee in the short and medium term, planning the use of the facilities and the natural gas reserves, we inform you of the following situation

During the last weeks there has been a sustained increase in the gas demand in the northwest area, defined by the grids and delivery points included in the Zamora-Oviedo-Tuy gas pipeline, both in the conventional sector, caused by the winter temperatures, and in the electric sector, partly due to the scarcity of hydraulic reserves.

For the coverage of the demand registered in these days in the mentioned area, the maximum transport capacity from the Zamora compression station and the maximum contribution from Cantabria are used, as well as the maximum available capacity from the Tuy international connection, being necessary to complement it with the emission from the Mugarjos plant.

In the month of December there is a single scheduled unloading in aforementioned plant on the 23rd, which could be insufficient to guarantee the emission necessary to cover the demand of the area if the contracting of driving terms for Combined Cycle Power Plants sited in the Northwest area were increased.

Thus as a preventive measure to ensure the coverage of the compromised demand until the unloading scheduled on December 23rd, the additional contracting will be limited to the current delivery commitments in the Zamora-Oviedo-Tuy gas pipeline due to the temporary lack of transport capacity, from tomorrow at the beginning of the gas day until December 23rd.

With this measure, the conventional demand (including tanks loading) and deliveries to Combined Cycle Power Plants in its contracted volumes is guaranteed in the Northwest area.

For the rest of the Gas System the programmed demand will be served.

This information will be updated in the following days with the evolution of the variables involved.