

Dear sir

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Network Development Plan. A good understanding of possible gas flows between continental Europe and the UK is important to our planning, and this document will be helpful to us in developing our own views which we publish annually in our Future Energy Scenarios. We would like to make the following points.

We are pleased to see that the exit capacity at Julianadorp, used to support exports through BBL, is maintained for the duration of your scenarios. This is in line with our own assumptions about import capacity as published in our Future Energy Scenarios

It would be useful to see projections for export flows alongside the projections for other market sectors.

We understand that the low growth high sustainability case has not been explored as the peak load will be covered by the other three scenarios. Some of the assumptions, particularly around electricity seem to move toward this 'empty quadrant', for example, higher wind capacity in limited progress than in cooperative growth. Limited progress and cooperative growth are not at the same point on the 'Development of sustainability' axis.

We note that you use the description 'Additional LNG +Russian supply' for additional supplies to NW Europe, with the quantity specified but not the exact source. We think that this approach is the most sensible means of modelling additional supplies when conditions in the world gas market make it difficult to predict international gas flows in anything other than the short term.

We think this is a very useful document and hope that it will help development of the Dutch gas market.

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