



Dear stakeholders and customers

In these extraordinary times, we have two main targets, which we will strive to achieve without endangering anyone's safety or health: transferring gas without any interruptions and continuing to operate as normal so that the current state of emergency has the minimum possible impact on society.

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We wish everyone a safe spring – take care of yourselves, your families and your personnel!

With best wishes,
Team Gasgrid

Would you like further information on the themes discussed in the newsletter?
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Gasgrid Finland has prepared itself for the coronavirus

Gasgrid Finland has made preparations for the coronavirus crisis along with Finland's other emergency supply sectors. We began back in February by ensuring that our contingency plans for pandemics are also appropriate for this crisis. Since then, we have raised our level of preparedness in phases according to our plan. We have discussed the measures comprehensively with our personnel, partners and customers. The Coronavirus Contingency Group convenes at least once per week to decide on the necessary measures.

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So far this year, the gas transmission system has operated as planned

So far this year, the Finnish transmission system has operated as planned, and no challenges have arisen in terms of the reliability of the gas supply. The Balticconnector infrastructure, which integrates the Finnish and Estonian gas networks, we successfully connected to the Finnish gas transmission system at the turn of the year. Since the start of the year, the Balticconnector has been supplying Finland at maximum capacity, which means that approximately one-third of the gas consumed in Finland has come from the Baltic countries. Gasgrid Finland Oy's Central Control Room monitors the safe, uninterrupted supply of gas 24/7.

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We have begun updating our strategy – the results of the scenario work will be published for the market during Spring

The first phase of Gasgrid's strategy work in spring 2020 is to envisage scenarios, which we will use when we work with other entities in the gas sector in order to build up an understanding of the future operating environment and the development of the gas market. The strategy will be updated by the end of September. We are working on scenarios in an endeavour to gain deeper insight into the changes affecting our operating environment long into the future. At the same time, we are analysing the main forces of change in the operating environment for Gasgrid and the gas market as a whole, as well as the related uncertainties.

We are including a broad range of customers and stakeholders by inviting them to complete surveys and engage in workshops and interviews. We intend to publish the scenarios for the market during Spring.

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We have launched a communication campaign about the safety of gas pipelines and published online safety courses

The campaign aims to prevent unauthorised activity affecting the gas pipeline or areas in the immediate vicinity of the pipeline, such as unsupervised excavations within 5 metres of the gas pipeline, moving heavy machinery on unreinforced segments of the gas pipeline, or storing wood.

The risk of an excavator striking the gas pipeline is the most significant safety risk, and we are striving to prevent this from occurring through communication. Gasgrid will provide information on how to work safely and how to take account of the impact area of the gas pipeline in 2020.

The first phase of the campaign was to publish an online safety training course for partners.

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Customer development group activities to begin during Spring

We are inviting our customers to join development groups, which will help the company to improve its services and the gas market as a whole.

There are two development groups: the wholesale market development group, an English-language group for registered shippers, traders, end-users of the transmission system, biogas/LNG suppliers and gas transmission operations, and the retail market development group, a Finnish-language group for registered retailers and distribution network operators.

In addition to development group meetings, webinars will be held as required on topics such as the Gasgrid portal, the gas datahub, tariffs and other relevant subjects. These activities will begin in spring 2020.

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We are arranging a public consultation from 1 April 2020 to 1 June 2020 concerning the reference pricing methodology to be applied in Finland, and we will hold an open webinar for market participants from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm on 15 April. The webinar will present the content of the consultation, and it will focus on descriptions of the calculation methodologies. The event will be held in English. During the webinar, market participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

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Evaluation of the next steps for market integration between Finland and the Baltic countries underway

The goal of the study in spring 2020 is to increase our understanding of a market integration that goes beyond a common entry tariff zone in Finland, Estonia and Latvia, and the effects and requirements it poses to the Finnish gas market and TSO. We are seeking for an optimal solution to deepen the integration and our target before the end of 2020 is to have a clear plan in place for the next steps of market integration.

The preparations are being done in close cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Energy Authority, and the Baltic TSOs. The progress of the work will be presented and stakeholders will be involved in the work.

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