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BNetzA's view on grid operation and generation adequacy

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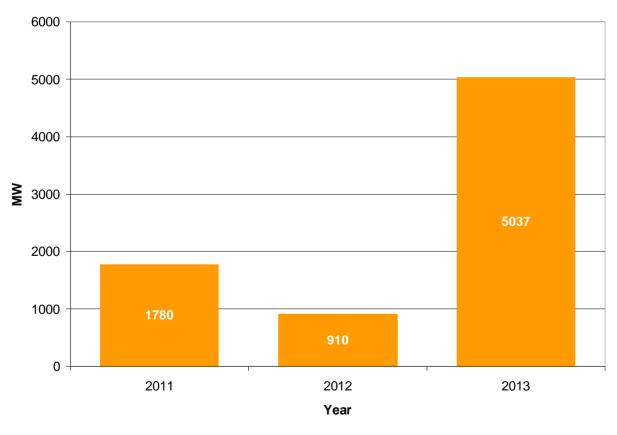






Generation adequacy

Generation capacity: Planned net increase



- Decommissioned nuclear generation: 8400 MW
- n Remaining reliable generation capacity is sufficient to meet demand on national scale
- n Planned developments of thermal generation and pump storage will lead to a considerable net increase of reliably available capacity in Germany per year











Grid and system operation

TSO Measures: Operational volumes



- n A geographical imbalance between generation and load causes increased flows from North to South (generation centred in Northern Germany, load centres in the South)
- n In order to guarantee safe network operation, TSOs must modify market behaviour through measures such as switching operations, countertrading, and redispatch



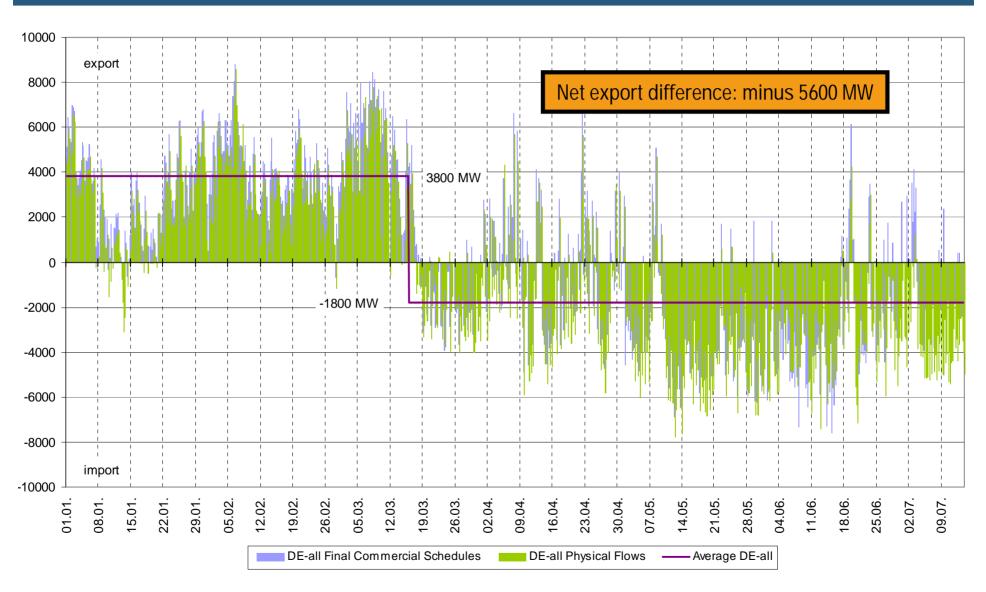








Cross-border electricity exchange







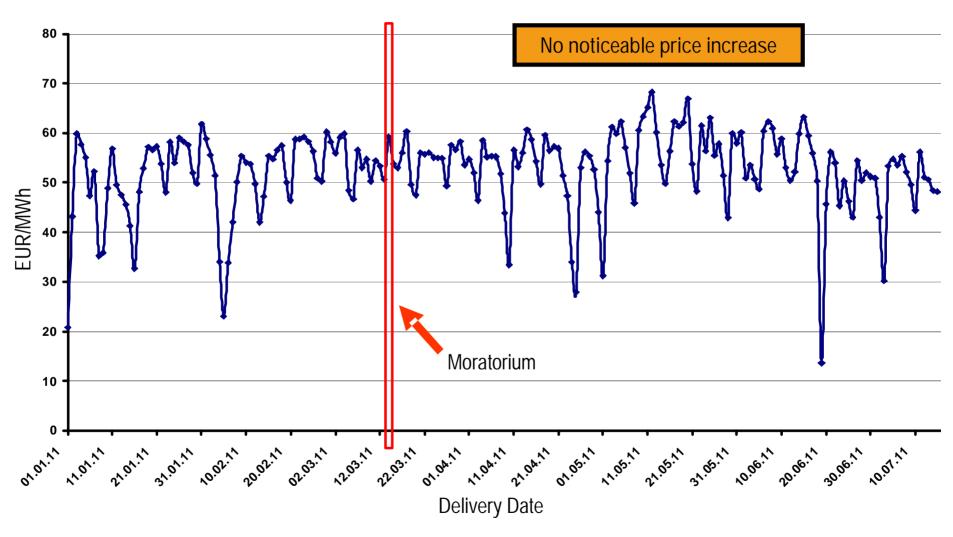






Market-related aspects: Spot prices

EPEX Spot Prices Phelix Base 2011













Market-related aspects: Futures prices in the longer term

The big picture: Post-moratorium price hike is dwarfed by pre-renewable era prices













International cooperation

Transparency:

Publication of both German and English language versions of BNetzA's report / summary

Information:

BNetzA delivers regular briefings to the CEER GA, ACER Board of Regulators, and European Commission working groups

Coordination:

BNetzA has regular bilateral contacts on generation adequacy and grid stability

Cooperation:

BNetzA provides relevant data to CEER's ad hoc group on nuclear shutdowns (AHGNS)

Innovation:

BNetzA actively drives discussions on investment framework in grid and generation











Ad hoc action taken by BNetzA

Survey

- BNetzA has conducted a survey on installed power plants with a capacity of 20 MW or more
- On the basis of this survey, BNetzA is evaluating in detail generation adequacy, flows, and reactive power on a regional scale
- n If (conventional) generation capacities are found to be insufficient, BNetzA may request one of the shut down nuclear plants to operate in reserve mode

Reports

n BNetzA has published two detailed reports on network stability, security of supply, and generation adequacy (summaries are available in English)

Proceedings

- n Revised energy act (EnWG) grants TSOs powers to call on generators for redispatch measures and activation of reserves
- n BNetzA has initiated proceedings specifying those powers











Enhancement of network development

Network development as a transparent concept under federal supervision of BNetzA

10-year network development plan

Planning of crossborder and interstate transmission system corridors by BNetzA

Option for Permitting Procedures for BNetzA

- n Faster permit procedures are on the way in Germany legislation passed in June 2011
- Network expansion is clearly decided: "of highest public interest"
- Network Expansion against Climate Change Europe has to deliver changes in environmental legislation











- Network stability is well under control, even though it requires significant efforts from TSOs
- Security of supply margins will be met on a national basis
- Response by the wholesale market has been rational and moderate
- Network and generation development have been identified as urgent priorities for which new legislation has been adopted











Thank you very much for your attention!