

Press release

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Industry pressure grows for Storage Guidelines to be implemented

The 9th Madrid Forum has established that implementation of the Guidelines for Good TPA Practice for Storage System Operators (GGPSSO) by April 2005 is a realistic target.

“Although not fully endorsed by all participants, the proposal by ERGEG provides Storage Operators and Member States with a working document to make progress on arrangements for Third Party Access to storage” said Colin Lyle, Chair of the EFET Gas Committee, at the Madrid Forum.

EFET has offered to meet with the European Group of Storage Operators (EGSO) to help find practical solutions and a common understanding of the GGPSSO.

Access to storage is essential for the development of Europe’s gas markets, but there are complex interactions with other issues e.g. balancing, network access, wholesale trading etc.

Starting to implement the Guidelines as a working document now, will allow experience of best practice to be shared during 2005 and local or regional solutions can be developed to meet market needs.

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