

Gasunie Transport Services
Concourslaan 17
9727 KC Groningen

Alkmaar, 10 July 2019

Ref: 198942

Subject: Response TAQA Energy BV on the preliminary advice to reduce Groningen production (L 19.0018 dd 11 June 2019)

Dear Gasunie Transport Services,

As part of the public consultation process, hereby the response of TAQA on the preliminary advice of Gasunie Transport Services (GTS) on additional measures to reduce the Groningen gas production to 12 BCM in gas year 2019/2020.

The focal point for TAQA's comments are the assumptions with regard to the Alkmaar Peak Gas Installation (PGI).

PGI has a working gas volume of 0.5 BCM and has been for 25 years a very reliable part of the Groningen gas production system. PGI is owned by the Bergen Partners¹ and operated by TAQA. All capacity is contracted to one single customer for the next few years. The installed equipment can operate for many more years beyond that. Recently the ownership of the cushion gas in PGI was transferred from NAM to EBN.

In the preliminary advice as well as during the workshop on the 4th of July, we noticed that in all scenarios described by GTS, PGI is included based on its current configuration with respect to working gas volume and withdrawal rate.

From TAQA's point of view this is a too simple approach towards the capabilities of PGI and we are surprised to not have been consulted (yet) in the advice to reduce Groningen capacities. We are of the opinion PGI could contribute more than the 0.5 BCM of Groningen reduction now stated in the advice.

TAQA wants to make sure all (future) configurations with respect to the potential technical capability of PGI Alkmaar (as installed, and with investment) have been assessed to ensure

¹ EBN B.V., TAQA Piek Gas B.V., Dana Petroleum Netherlands B.V., Rockrose (NL) CS1 B.V.

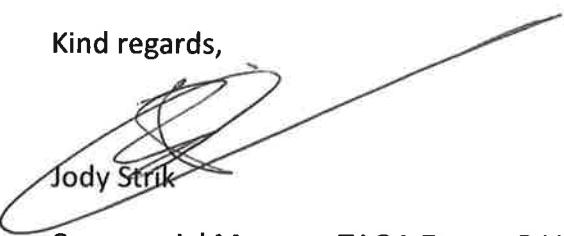


TAQA

the appropriate additional measures to decrease the gas production from the Groningen field are taken.

We therefore propose to meet with you asap to discuss these opportunities and make sure these are part of the overall quest to reduce Groningen production.

Kind regards,



Jody Strik

Commercial Manager TAQA Energy B.V.