

The Belgian and French energy regulators, CREG and CRE, have committed to solving the Blaregnies / Taisnières interconnection access problems in partnership with the gas transmission companies Fluxys and GRTgaz

A joint statement by CRE and CREG

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The Belgian and French energy regulators (CREG and CRE respectively) have decided to work together to solve the current access problems at the Blaregnies / Taisnières interconnection. A task force including the gas transmission companies Fluxys and GRTgaz has been set up to find a solution.

An initial meeting on 30th March 2007 tackled transparency and conditions for access to both transmission capacity for transit through Belgium to France and entry capacity at Taisnières for the French market.

Fluxys and GRTgaz presented short-term as well as long-term measures to provide a coordinated solution to the problems of transmitting H-gas (high-calorific gas) between the two countries. The task force also plans to look at transmission of L-gas (low calorific gas) and the question of gas quality issues.

The issue of access to interconnections is a priority for the regional initiatives launched by ERGEG (European Regulators Group for Electricity and Gas) in the gas sector. The suggestions put forward by Fluxys and GRTgaz will be presented to market stakeholders as part of this framework.

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