

TRF & PEG news

FROM APRIL 1st, 2020 TO JUNE 30th, 2020



European market prices fell sharply in April and May 2020, under the combined effect of the influx of LNG and the slowdown in consumption due to the COVID-19 crisis. The PEG price even fell below the Henry Hub price on some days. This drop in prices led to cancellations of LNG cargoes, particularly from the United States to Europe. As a result, LNG supplies to Europe fell sharply by 60% in June, causing prices to rise to €5.8/MWh at the end of June.

Price and liquidity of the PEG



average end-of-day spread between the PEG and the Dutch TTF market place. This spread remains very low and was negative 60% of the days over the period. The PEG price, like that of other European marketplaces, reached very low prices: it averaged €5.3/MWh over the period and fell below €3/MWh on May 22 2020, a record low price.

*: from April to June 2019



exchanged on the PEG each day, stable compared to the same period last year.



active players on the PEG in May 2020, stable compared to last year.

*: in June 2019

Network flows and limits

No congestion has been observed since April 1st, 2020, unlike last year when the use of the localized spread had been frequent. The limits have often been approached ("orange alert"), but never reached, under the combined effect of the drop in firm injection capacities from storage facilities downstream of the limits, and the drop in exit flows to Spain (67 GWh/d on average, almost halved compared with the same period last year).

In addition, large LNG arrivals in April and May 2020 have eased tensions on the limits. Then, in June, injections into storage facilities decreased due to work restrictions.

0 days of red alert*

0 locational spreads**

0 mutualised restrictions***

0€ as the total cost of locational spreads

*: the number of days where at least one limit has been reached. **: main mechanism to manage the limits, via a call to the market. ***: last resort mechanism

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No particular difficulties have been identified in filling the storage facilities for the rest of the Summer, especially as the storage facilities are already 80% full, one month earlier than last year.