

TES announces LNG open season at Wilhelmshaven Green Energy Hub to bring climate neutrality and energy security together for European customers

Brussels, April 25, 2022 -- Tree Energy Solutions (TES) announces an open season to fast-track LNG imports into Europe through its Wilhelmshaven regasification terminal.

Commencing on April 25th, 2022, the open season is accessible to all parties seeking to import LNG in the drive to reduce EU and Germany energy dependence on Russia. Parties are invited to submit an expression of interest to reserve capacity and services for the import of LNG volumes.

TES is planning for initial capacity to import up to 16-20 billion cubic meters (BCM) per year from 2025 onwards. The terminal will be connected through the new OGE 42" pipeline with the European high-pressure gas grid. Terminal and pipeline capacity may be further expanded through the integration of further LNG tanks and commissioning of a second export pipeline. The expansion's timing and size will be determined by market demand for liquefied natural gas imports from 2025 onwards, as well as the planned transition to green and clean, hydrogen-based gas.

To help decarbonise Germany and neighbouring markets, from 2027/8 onwards, the Wilhelmshaven regasification terminal will, as part of the Wilhelmshaven Green Energy Hub, increasingly be reserved for imports of fossil-free green gas. With a similar chemical composition as LNG, TES will be able to use the new and existing gas infrastructure, without further investments, allowing for early transition to imports and transport of green, fossil-free gas.

The open season will cover three phases: non-binding application expression of interest, binding application window and closing of binding window, offering market participants an important opportunity to secure future capacity in the Wilhelmshaven Green Energy Hub.

The Wilhelmshaven terminal layout will ultimately comprise 6 ship berths, 1,600,000 cubic meters of onshore storage capacity using 8 onsite tanks, of which 4 will be available during the initial stage. The terminal will offer direct access to an extensive gas pipeline network, including existing salt caverns at Etzel and proximity to the Groningen gas grid infrastructure. TES will further construct carbon export facilities as the Green Energy Hub will also be connected to OGE's CO₂ transportation network. Moreover, TES will also produce green hydrogen at Wilhelmshaven that will be transported through connections with the H2Ercules project that develops Germany's 'hydrogen backbone'.

“The TES-Wilhelmshaven project is unique in accelerating Germany’s and Europe’s plans to decarbonise the energy market at scale whilst creating the opportunity to shift away from Russian gas imports as the way out of the current energy crisis,” Otto Waterlander, chief commercial officer at TES, said. “The open season makes it possible to materially meet the needs of the market and will help provide energy security for Germany and the rest of Europe by accelerating the growth of green gas imports.

Interested parties should register online [here](#) by May 25th, 2022.

For more information, please contact: openseason@tes-h2.com

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Notes to editor:

Open season is a method to ensure that all parties have open access use of an import terminal, and it is thus a transparent capacity allocation mechanism. An open season is a call for subscriptions that allow the transparent and non-discriminatory allocation of infrastructure access capacity and the dimensioning of supply to demand.

About TES

Tree Energy Solutions (TES) is a green and clean hydrogen company supplying long term non-intermittent carbon neutral energy on demand at industrial scale. TES aims to accelerate the energy transition by leveraging existing global energy infrastructure to reach customers with green hydrogen, green gas and green power, while accelerating the phase-out of fossil fuels from the energy system worldwide and adopting a circular carbon economy.

TES is currently developing energy supply and import terminal locations in Germany, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, and the United States to provide an integrated network of significant global scale. Initial production and export terminal locations are being developed in the Middle East and North America.

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