

Biogas Upgrading

Advances in Grid Injection

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Company Profile Wien Energie Gasnetz GmbH

- Customers: 690.000
- Natural Gas Transmission/Year: 2,1 Billion m³
- Total Grid Length: 3500 km
- Employees: 1060



Natural Gas Sources (8 Billion m³/y)





Why are there no (or little advances)

- No economic incentive for grid injection
- Costs compared to Natural Gas
- Reservations about Gas Quality
- Big is beautiful





Main Conference Topics

- 3rd Energy package
 - Separation of gas supply from trading (OU, ISO, ITO)
 - Harmonizing powers and duties of national regulators
 - Creation of a new European Regulation agency
 - Smart metering
- Security of Supply
 - Upgrading of Gas Transmission Systems
 - Advances in the development if LNG and storage infrastructure
 - Open up new natural gas resources (Nabucco...)
 - Establishment of natural Gas exchange (CEGH)
- Biogas Grid Injection ?: No Contribution



Why have to be advances in grid injection

The Climate action and renewable energy package

- Reduction of overall emissions to at least 20% by 2020 (below 2005 levels)
 - 21 % in ETS sector
 - 10 % Non ETS Sector (Austria -16%)
- Increase the share of renewables in energy use
 - 20% in total energy use (National target for Austria 36%)
 - 10 % minimum share for biofuels by 2020
- Cutting energy consumption by 20% of projected 2020 levels
- National Action plan (to be submitted until 30.06.2010)
 - Agreement on significant share of biogas in gas grids



Natural Gas usage Vienna (2 Billion m³/year)





Wien Energie Measures towards Grid Injection

- Partner Project Bruck/Leitha
 - Full Scale Injection Project Bruck/Leitha
- Company Partner Bioenergy 2020+
 - R&D Efficiency Increase in Substrate Utilization
 - Optimization Upgrading Technology
- Feasibility Study
 - Analysis of Injection Potential for WEG



Feasibility Study: Objectives

- Substrate Potential
- Feasibility of short term potential (- 3 Years)
- Feasibility of mid term potential (- 5 Years)
- Feasibility of long term potential (10 years)







Feasibility Study: Evaluation Methodology

- Evaluation of Substrate Potential
 - High share of Organic Waste in Residual Waste (175.000 t/y)
 - Composition: Mainly Kitchen Waste and Food Products
 - Assumed Biogas Potential: 10.000.000 m³ (50% directed to Anaerobic Treatment)
- Grid Injection Point
 - Injection Grid: 4 bar Grid
 - High Interconnectability \rightarrow High Availability of Injection Points
 - Restrictions: 41h on 30 days (2008)



Feasibility Study: Injection Point





Feasibility Study: Evaluation Methodology

- Evaluation of Substrate Potential
- Grid Injection Point
- Evaluation Criteria
 - Substrate Availability, Source and Composition
 - Waste Treatment/ Anaerobic Digestion Technology/Plant Location
 - Upgrading Technology
 - Legal Compliance
 - Economic/ Operating Efficiency; Rating
- 5 Biogas Plants identified and evaluated



Potential Analysis: Conclusion



