

Electrabel (SUEZ) and E.ON Netz sign Network Access Contract

On June 9th 2008, Electrabel and E.ON signed a contract granting Electrabel's planned power station in Wilhelmshaven access to the E.ON transmission network. Erik von Scholz, Electrabel Deutschland AG's Chief Executive Officer and Martin Fuchs, Chief Executive Officer of E.ON Netz GmbH, have signed the Access Contract in the presence of the President of the Federal Network Agency, Matthias Kurth, in Bonn. This contract governs the technical details of the connection of the power station to E.ON's 380 kV high voltage network.

„Developing the network capacity to 380 kV is necessary so that the German customers can receive the electricity generated in our power station in Wilhelmshaven“ said Erik von Scholz. „With this contract we established the basis for the timely access of our power station to the transmission network“.

During the contract negotiations, which were carried out in conformance with the Power Station Network Access Policy (Kraftwerksnetzanschlussverordnung – KraftNAV) , which came into effect on June 26, 2007, one challenge was to coordinate the time schedule for the network extension and the power station project. The planned cable system is governed by the new Underground Cable Law (Erdkabelgesetz) of Lower Saxony. Technologically, this is new territory for the project, since the cables will no longer be constructed solely as aerial lines, but will be partially installed subterraneously.

Electrabel is planning to build a state of the art 800 MW mineral coal power station in Wilhelmshaven. With its efficiency rate of 46 % it will be one of the most modern facilities in Europe. The commencement of its commercial operation is set for begin of the year 2012 and it will contribute largely towards providing Germany with an uninterrupted and competitive supply of electricity.

Electrabel, a European provider of comprehensive and tailor-made energy solutions

Electrabel is one of Europe's frontrunners in the energy sector and leader on the Benelux market. It responds to the opportunities presented by the deregulation of the electricity and natural gas market by developing its offer of energy products and services throughout Europe. In doing so it is able to combine high quality with close support for each customer, drawing on a network of commercial subsidiaries and partnerships with local operators. Electrabel is currently progressing towards its objective to double its 1999 electricity sales volumes by 2004.

The company manages a diversified range of generating facilities totalling more than 26 000 MW, and is active in trading on all the European energy markets. Furthermore, in Belgium it manages electricity and natural gas distribution networks, on behalf of distribution system operators.

Electrabel is part of SUEZ, an international energy and services company.

In Germany, Electrabel sells electricity, natural gas and energy products and services, both directly for industrial companies and indirectly to small and middle-sized companies and residential customers. The company is also active in electricity generation. Furthermore, Electrabel trades electricity and natural gas on the German energy exchanges.

Energy SaarLorLux, a joint venture of Electrabel and Stadtwerke Saarbrücken, supplies electricity, natural gas and heat.

Through its partnership with Stadtwerke Gera, Electrabel is active in the generation, distribution and sale of electricity, natural gas and heat in Gera.

Contact

Electrabel Deutschland AG

Alexa Herrmann

Spokeswoman

Friedrichstraße 200

D - 10117 Berlin

Phone +49 (0)30 / 72 61 53 – 688

Email alexa.herrmann@electrabel.de

Internet www.electrabel.de