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Update of Danish Emergency Plan for gas

Please find attached the first draft edition of the updated Danish Emergency plan for gas.

The plan must be updated by 31 October 2022 to reflect demand-reduction measures stated in the Council Regulation 2022/1369.

This plan is however not yet finalized due to general elections in Denmark, which will be held by 1st November 2022. After the elections there will be a process forming a new government. Before the new government has taken office it is not possible to make a political decision on potential new reduction measures in case of Union Alert. Hence the current plan is only stating the already initiated voluntary measures and expected reductions from these measures. This new chapter is named 2A in the updated plan and marked with yellow.

When a new government has taken decision about potential new initiatives in case of Union Alert the plan will be updated in order to add the new initiatives, in an additional paragraph in chapter 2A. Submission of the final plan will include both existing and potential new initiatives to be undertaken in case of Union Alert.

The current expectation based on existing initiatives and recent development in consumption is that Denmark will reduce the use of natural gas with app. 30 pct. from 1st August 2022 to 31st March 2023 compared to the same period in the past 5 years. This estimate will differ from the actual reduction due to uncertainties, such as weather and market development.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Danish Energy Agency for clarification of technical matters, while waiting for the submission of the final update of the emergency plan.

Best regards

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