
TAPI PIPELINE MOVES CLOSER TO FIRST GAS SALES IN AFGHANISTAN

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After decades of delays, the TAPI gas pipeline has moved closer than ever to actual gas sales – but first to the smallest of its intended markets. Turkmenistan is preparing to supply gas to Afghanistans Herat province, while the timeline for extending the pipeline to Pakistan and India remains uncertain.

On August 10, state-owned Turkmengaz and Afghan Gas signed a memorandum covering the purchase of gas through TAPI. The document does not itself set a price or supply volume, but it brings closer the prospect that Afghanistan could become the first TAPI customer actually to receive gas.

Afghanistan was already part of TAPIs original customer base. Afghan Gas and Turkmengaz signed a gas sale-and-purchase agreement in 2013. What has changed is that the pipeline is now approaching a market it can physically serve.

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