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**"Cross border capacity must be reserved for intraday trade"**

(Montel Powernews) - An increase in more volatile renewable power production will make it necessary to reserve capacity for intraday trading on cross border connections, the head of business development at Swiss energy group Alpiq's trading unit said on Thursday.

The ambitious 20% renewables target by 2020 would make European power prices more volatile and make intraday capacity even more valuable than day-ahead capacity, Cornelia Kawann said at the Green Power Market conference in Geneva. Therefore it would be a good idea to allow the reservation of cross border capacity for the intraday and balancing markets, she said.

The European regulators group Ergeg said recently that it was reluctant to open up for the reservation of cross border capacity for intraday trading, but that an exception could be made on long distance DC cables if it benefited society at large.

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