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# Capacity payments: a way to keep the lights on?

Capacity payments for new gas-fired power plants, rewarding the availability of power generation capacity, could be a way of guaranteeing backup for the intermittency of power production from renewable energy sources. With this move, security of electricity supply in Europe could be guaranteed, according to Susanne Nies, head of energy policy and power generation unit at Eurelectric, speaking at the European Gas Market Summit visual\_editor011 in London today.

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