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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

***At the World Gas Conference that takes place in Washington, DC, from June 25-29, 2018 the international gas industry discusses the integration of natural gas into the climate neutral energy system of the future. This is what DVGW Chairman Prof Dr Gerald Linke has to say about this:***

Our commitment to the Paris climate agreement accelerates a profound transformation of energy supply, especially so in the industrialised countries. The ultimate goal of a sustainable energy policy is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – in particular carbon dioxide emissions – around the globe on the one hand, and to increase the use of “clean” energy on the other. Germany still fails to fully exploit the potential of climate-friendly gases; the German “Energiewende” (energy turnaround) initially focussed too much on just *one* option, i.e. to generate power from renewable energy sources.

A one-sided focus on an “all-electric world” however will eventually lead us down a systemic and financial blind alley. Rather, it is the combination of technologies and energy carriers, with gas playing a key role, that is much better suited to point the way to a low-emission energy supply, as it builds on existing structures and will be accepted by our societies.

DVGW has conducted more than 50 research studies to analyse the cornerstones of such mixed-technology scenarios. The findings obtained from this scientific work have been transposed into ‘Energie-Impuls’, a series of dialogues about energy policy that targets decision-makers from the world of politics and business. After all, the successful advancement of gas-based climate protection in Germany and in the world can be achieved only by providing information and scientifically grounded technical knowhow as well as credibility and communication.

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