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Driven by a new wave of global LNG capacity, coal-to-gas switching in the European electricity sector is likely to increase through the remainder of the decade and early 2020s, according to International Energy Agency (IEA) projections. But Gas Strategies analysis shows that, based on current commodity prices and carbon policies, this will not be a Europe-wide phenomenon. Rather, a specific corner of Northwest Europe with liquid, deep traded gas markets will be the most receptive adopter of power sector fuel switching. And it is likely that prices will face a period of sustained weakness if new volumes are to be absorbed.



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