

INTERVIEW WITH DR WERNER GÖTZ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WHAT DOES NOVA STAND FOR FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS CEO?

- / **The starting point for us is the energy transition** and the related energy policy target of generating over 80 percent of the nationwide power supply from renewables by 2050. Only a few years ago, energy in this country was still generated by 500 central power plants, but today there are over 1.8 million decentralised generating plants supplying the energy we need as a nation.
- / For us as a grid operator, this means we will have to **continually adjust and expand** our transmission system to **meet the changing needs**.
- / Right from the planning stages of NEP, the Grid Development Plan, the NOVA principle has applied: grid optimisation before grid strengthening and before grid expansion.
- / By taking the NOVA approach we, as a **German transmission system operator**, commit to expanding the grids in the most space-saving and economical way possible. The Energy Industry Act also obliges us to do so.
- / For us at TransnetBW this means we are making our grid fit for the energy transition – and doing so with minimal impairment and maximum protection of people and the natural world.

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES NOVA ALSO REFLECT YOUR CORPORATE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY?

- / Our top priority in developing and implementing the Grid Development Plan is therefore: **a careful and measured approach**. This applies as much to the impact on people and the environment as it does to our commercial goals.
- / First and foremost it is about our customers, consumers and the people who live here in this region. And that includes their wishes, their needs and their opinion of energy supply, which is very important to us. We place great value on **transparency** – and on **dialogue with the public** on all grid expansion measures.
- / Above all, strict adherence to NOVA is an expression of the keen sense of corporate **responsibility** TransnetBW feels towards the land and the people. And naturally towards the natural world, the flora and fauna that is affected by grid infrastructure.
- / We have taken on that **responsibility** – and we will honour it.