

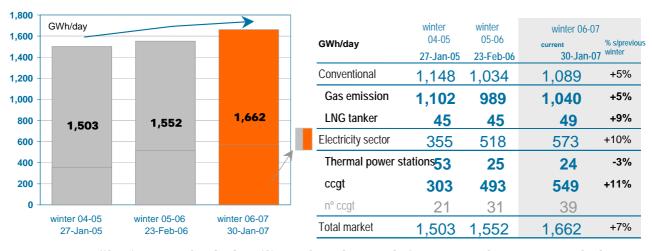
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A figure of 1,574 GWh was recorded last Wednesday 24th and the record was broken again on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th with demand reaching 1,619 GWh and 1,638 GWh respectively

Natural gas demand yesterday was up 7% on last winter's record high of 1,552 GWh, registered on February 23rd, 2006.



Note: a file is attached detailing the demand for natural gas recorded on January 30th in the Autonomous Regions.

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