On the beneficiaries of gas wars

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“Gazprom” again did not apply for the pumping of additional capacities in March through Poland and Ukraine in excess of the contracted volumes.

Poland requested 89 million cubic meters per day (through the Polish section of the Yamal-Europe gas pipeline), Ukraine – 15 million cubic meters. Kyiv offered to pump 9.8 million cubic meters through the Sudzha gas measuring station and 5.2 million cubic meters through the Sokhranivka gas measuring station.

“Gazprom” announced that it would buy additional volumes at daily auctions if such a need arose. In fact, Russian gas supplies stopped on December 21st. Since then, the gas pipeline has been operating only in reverse mode.

By the way, gas prices continue to rise. Europe is striving for energy independence. And it gets it. True, in the Russian vision of the situation.

And, oddly enough, the United States receives the greatest benefit from the energy standoff. In recent weeks, especially after the sharp escalation of the situation in the Donbass, more and more American LNG tankers are moving towards Europe. Gas prices have risen so much that it has once again become more profitable for Washington to sell its liquefied gas in Europe than to supply it to the East. The loading of LNG receiving and gasification terminals increased in February from 51% to 75%.

Although, it is worth noting that the Americans are not able to fully meet the needs of the European market. But external issues don’t worry Washington much. If there is a goal, there are no obstacles.

And if Russian gas completely ceases to flow to Europe, then the price of LNG will skyrocket and queues will line up for it. And war can help. Then it will be easier to force the allies to impose energy sanctions against Moscow.

And after the recognition of the LDPR by Russia and the introduction of troops into their territory, the likelihood of negotiations with Moscow became even less.

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