

Welcome to Gas Industry Co's *News Bulletin*, a periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

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CONSULTATION REMINDER – Submissions and mark-ups on the 11 September draft GTAC.

On 11 September 2017, First Gas released a revised draft of the Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) following engagement and feedback on the first complete draft released in August. First Gas presented the revised draft GTAC at a workshop on 15 September, and key aspects of it were considered at Focus Sessions held on the 21 and 28 September. Mark-ups and submissions on the draft GTAC (and associated) are due by **Monday, 9 October**, and can be made [here](#). Please upload all documents in a Word format to allow First Gas to easily compile them.

The following documents are available on our website, and can also be found in the above link.

- Presentation on GTAC - Priority Rights Design (28 September Focus Session)
- Presentation on GTAC - Curtailment (21 September Focus Session)
- Revised engagement approach for draft GTAC
- Presentation of revised draft GTAC
- Revised Draft GTAC - clean
- Revised Draft GTAC – marked-up against August release
- Revised Draft GTAC – in table format for stakeholder mark-ups
- Revised draft GTAC release - summary presentation
- Action items from draft GTAC workshops – annotated with actions taken
- Indicative GTAC delivery zones

Please provide your mark-ups using the table format GTAC (above) as requested by First Gas on 15 September.

The mark-ups and submissions received on the revised draft GTAC will be used to inform a second revised draft which First Gas expects to release on 3 November for final mark-ups.

Note that after 9 October, First Gas will also be looking for feedback on its proposed interconnection agreements. An update of the initial delivery point version was published on 29 September and an update of the receipt point version is currently in train. We will advise you about this when the details come to hand.

CONSULTATION REMINDER: Draft recommendation 14 July MPOC Transition Change Request.

On 14 July 2017, Gas Industry Co received a request from First Gas Limited (First Gas) to make changes to the Maui Pipeline Operating Code (MPOC). The MPOC Transition Change Request (TCR) aims to facilitate transition to a new gas transmission access code (GTAC) when certain conditions are met.

Gas Industry Co has considered submissions received on the TCR, including submissions on First Gas's supplementary documents, and decided to make a draft recommendation to support the TCR.

The Draft Recommendation on 14 July 2017 MPOC Transition Change Request (Draft Recommendation) is available [here](#).

A reminder that submissions on the Draft Recommendation are invited by **5.00pm, Monday 16 October 2017** and can be made [here](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS REMINDER- Gas metering review – next steps.

In our 26 September 2017 News Bulletin, Gas Industry Co published an analysis of submissions received following consultation on two papers we commissioned this year: *Gas Metering Review: Review of metering service provider arrangements*, and *Gas Metering Review: Review of advanced metering technology*. The Analysis of Submissions is available [here](#).

As part of the next steps, Gas Industry Co has decided to establish a technical advisory group to provide advice on the issue of advanced metering. The purpose of the Technical Advanced Metering Advisory Committee (TArMAC) is twofold: to develop a set of minimum standards that will allow for the consistent collection and treatment of advanced metering data; and to identify any registry changes or rules amendments needed to accommodate the uptake of advanced metering.

Call for nominations

Gas Industry Co invites nominations from stakeholders for TArMAC. The terms of reference and selection criteria for TArMAC members is available [here](#). Nominees should have technical knowledge of and experience with gas metering.

Please forward nominations to pamela.caird@gasindustry.co.nz by Thursday 12 October 2017. Nominations should include the name of the nominee along with an outline of their particular areas of relevant expertise.

An initial discussion draft of minimum standards is available [here](#).

Customer switching numbers for September 2017 available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for September 2017 are available [here](#). The month recorded 3,818 completed customer switches - 411 switches less than in August 2017.

Switching rates have been over 18% for more than two years, with switching times having fallen markedly in the past two years. At the start of 2015, on average, switches took a little over six days to complete. The average time taken to complete switches now is two business days.

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