

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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## First Gas additional GTAC material and consultation questions.

First Gas has provided two additional items relating to the Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC).

The first item is an open letter from First Gas providing further information on the acquisition of the Ahuroa gas storage facility and explaining the safeguards to ensure that First Gas acts in the interests of the gas industry in its role as Transmission System Operator (TSO).

The second item is a memo setting out three questions that First Gas invites stakeholders to respond to in their submissions. The questions ask stakeholders about their preferences for next steps in the process of developing a gas transmission code if the final assessment concludes that the GTAC is not materially better than the MPOC/VTC. Please note that these questions have been incorporated into the submissions template for submitters' convenience.

Both of these items, as well as the amended submissions template, are available on Gas Industry Co's website [here](#).

As a reminder, submissions on the Preliminary Assessment Paper close at **5:00pm Monday, 19 March 2018** and can be made [here](#)

## GTAC Preliminary Assessment Paper submissions workshop.

Gas Industry Co tentatively plans to hold a submissions workshop on **Tuesday, 27 March 2018**. The purpose of the workshop is to enable stakeholders and Gas Industry Co to consider submissions on the Preliminary Assessment Paper and to ask questions about those submissions. It should provide a useful start to preparing cross-submissions.

The exact length and format of the workshop depend on the number of presenters and the time they need to present. At the moment, it is envisaged that we will allot each presenter up to 20 minutes to present the main points of their submission, plus 10 minutes to answer questions. We will finalise the workshop's format after speaking to the presenters about their requirements. Please note that we will only hold the workshop if we receive sufficient interest from stakeholders in presenting their submissions.

When you RSVP please indicate whether you plan to attend the workshop and if you would like to present your submission. Details for the workshop are available below.

GTAC – Preliminary Assessment Paper – Submissions Workshop	
Date	Tuesday, 27 March 2018
Time	10.00am to 4.00pm (lunch available at 12.00pm – <a href="#">please RSVP</a> )
Location	Gas Industry Co offices, Level 8 The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP	<a href="#">Alison O'Connor</a> by Friday 23 March 2018

## GTAC Preliminary Assessment Paper cross submissions.

From discussions with stakeholders, Gas Industry Co believes that some significant new material is likely to be presented in submissions on our Preliminary Assessment Paper. Before completing a Final Assessment Paper we want to ensure that other stakeholders have had an opportunity to comment on that material. To allow for this, Gas Industry Co has decided to provide for a round of cross-submissions on *Preliminary Assessment of Gas Transmission Access Code* (Preliminary Assessment Paper).

The deadline for cross-submissions is **5:00pm Monday, 16 April 2018**. We will remind you of this once we receive submissions on the Preliminary Assessment Paper.

## REMINDER: Critical Contingency Operator – Industry training and exercise dates announced.

The Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) will be running industry training sessions in Auckland, Wellington and New Plymouth in April.

In accordance with regulation 34 of the Critical Contingency Management Regulations, the CCO will be running the Annual Industry Exercise to test the Critical Contingency Management Plans on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Further information for the exercise and a Participants Brief will be provided by the CCO in due course.

Prior to the exercise, the CCO will deliver some **Critical Contingency Training Sessions** as follows:

Location	Venue	Date	Time
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<a href="#">Auckland</a>	Genesis Energy 660 Great South Road Ellerslie	Tuesday 10 April 2018	1.00pm – 3.00pm
<a href="#">Wellington</a>	Gas Industry Company Level 8, The Todd Building 95 Customhouse Quay	Wednesday 11 April 2018	10.00am – 12.00pm
<a href="#">New Plymouth</a>	First Gas Ltd 42 Connett Road West Bell Block	Wednesday 18 April 2018	10.00am – 12.00pm

The training will provide an overview of the Critical Contingency Management Processes and an update on any developments over the past 12 months. It is also an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any queries/questions.

The training sessions are open to all industry stakeholders. If you or anyone else from your organisation are interested in attending the training, please email the CCO stating which session you plan to attend or simply click on any of the locations above.

Further information on critical contingency management is available at [www.cco.org.nz](http://www.cco.org.nz)

If you have any queries or have any specific areas that you would like to see covered at the training, please get in touch with [cco@cco.org.nz](mailto:cco@cco.org.nz)

## Gas switching numbers for February 2018 available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for February 2018 are available [here](#). There were 3,860 completed customer switches during February 2018 – 711 more than January 2018, and 461 more than February 2017.

For the last couple of years switching numbers and the time they take to complete have been relatively stable. In the last 12 months we saw on average 3,700 switches taking place a month and they took on average two days to complete. During that time the highest numbers of switches occurred in August 2017 (4,220) and January 2018 saw the lowest (3,149).

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