



# Update

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## ***Statement of proposal – Allocation and Reconciliation of Downstream Gas Quantities***

Efficient arrangements for the accurate allocation and reconciliation of gas quantities are a key component of an efficient gas market.

In response to:

- the Government's desire in the 2004 Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance for, amongst other things, the development of protocols and standards applying to balancing and reconciliation; and
- requests by industry participants;

Gas Industry Co has developed a proposal to recommend to the Minister of Energy rules for allocation and reconciliation of downstream gas quantities.

Submissions on the proposal are sought by 5.00pm on **Monday, 8 October 2007** (date changed from 1 October 2007)

To view the proposal please click [here](#).

Gas Industry Co intends to hold a workshop on the proposed draft rules at Gas Industry Co's offices on **Tuesday, 18 September 2007** from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Please click [here](#) to register for the workshop. There is no charge for the workshop, but we do request registration by 11 September 2007 to assist with room bookings and catering.

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## ***Statement of Proposal – Information Disclosure by Owners of Gas Processing Facilities***

Gas Industry Co has released a statement of proposal in respect of information disclosure by owners of gas processing facilities. This proposal follows from the December 2006 recommendation to the Minister of Energy relating to protocols for access to gas processing facilities. That recommendation, subsequently approved by the Minister, suggested pursuing an industry arrangement for information disclosure, with a fall-back to a regulated option if the industry arrangement proved infeasible.

As progress on the industry arrangement has stalled, Gas Industry Co has had to resort to preparing a proposal to regulate.



Given that the statement of proposal rests on the analysis contained in the discussion paper released in August 2006 (and available on [www.gasindustry.co.nz](http://www.gasindustry.co.nz)) it is not proposed to hold a workshop on this topic.

Submissions on the proposal are sought by 5:00pm on **Friday, 28 September 2007**.

To view the statement of proposal please click [here](#).

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### ***New Senior Adviser – Strategic Issues and Projects***

Dr Bas Walker joined Gas Industry Co in the position of Senior Advisor – Strategic issues and Projects, on 3 September 2007. Work streams in which he will be particularly involved initially include the implementation of the switching rules and reconciliation.

Bas has joined us from his own management consulting business, Aspen Consulting Ltd. Prior to that he was the Chief Executive of the regulatory agency, the Environmental Risk Management Authority. Bas has also had a long past involvement in the gas and energy sectors, going back to his involvement as a technical advisor in the original Maui gas negotiations. He spent several years in the Ministry of Energy, eventually in the position of Secretary of Energy (Chief Executive). Bas is a chemical engineer and is currently the Deputy President of IPENZ.

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### ***Consumer Issues Forum***

Gas Industry Co's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Consumer Issues Forum will be held at Gas Industry Co's offices - level 9, State Insurance Tower, Wellington - between 10am and 2pm on Tuesday, **25 September 2007**.

This forum is intended to provide an opportunity to update small business and residential consumer representatives on the activities of Gas Industry Co since the last forum in June 2006, and also to discuss and ascertain any outstanding issues facing these stakeholders.

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### ***Industry Conference***

Gas Industry Co's third annual conference for industry participants will be held between 9am and 2.30pm on Thursday, **11 October 2007** in Wellington.

The conference, titled "Next Steps in Gas Governance", will focus on Gas Industry Co's progress in delivering on the objectives set out in the October 2004 Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance (GPS). The conference also provides an excellent opportunity for industry participants to gain a holistic view of Gas Industry Co's progress on initiatives spanning the supply chain.



It is intended that the conference sessions will be interactive, so there will be opportunities for industry participants to discuss topics and issues with Gas Industry Co staff. This is another opportunity to provide input into the design of Gas Industry Co's future work programme.

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### ***Coming up***

Gas Industry Co anticipates publishing the following consultation papers in the coming months:

- Transmission Access Framework - Statement of Proposal (expected in October)
  - Levy Consultation Paper (late December – early January)
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### ***Diary Dates***

- Workshop: Statement of proposal – Allocation and Reconciliation of Downstream Gas Quantities – 18 September 2007
- Consumer Issues Forum – 25 September 2007
- Submissions due: Statement of proposal – Information Disclosure by Owners of Gas Processing Facilities – 28 September 2007
- Submissions due: Statement of proposal – Allocation and Reconciliation of Downstream Gas Quantities – 8 October 2007
- Industry Conference – 11 October 2007
- AGM – 25 October 2007