

Update

Diary Dates

5 June 2009 – the closing date for submissions on the 20 February 2009 VTC Change Request Appeal (BPP Trustee Account Overdraft).

Downstream Reconciliation

Ongoing allocations continued with the initial allocation for April 2009 and interim allocation for January 2009.

Following preliminary consultation with industry participants at the Retail Gas Governance Forum, Gas Industry Co will be issuing a statement of proposal on minor amendments to the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008. The purpose of the amendments is to make minor and uncontroversial changes to the Rules, in order to better reflect the current operation of the downstream reconciliation and allocation process. A more substantive policy review will be carried out in 2010.

An urgent exemption was granted on 30 April to allow Vector to maintain the status quo on the submission of injection quantities after the expiry of a previous exemption. This expires at the end of June, allowing a suitable timeframe for consultation on the standard exemption. Consultation on the urgent exemption will take place in the coming weeks.

More information on this workstream can be found at:

<http://www.gasindustry.co.nz/work-programme/downstream-reconciliation>.

Switching & Registry

The Gas (Switching Arrangements) Rules 2008 and the Gas Registry are in their third month of operation with almost 12,700 switches initiated and 9,600 completed since go-live. Gas Industry Co is currently working on guidelines, which will accompany the Rules, to improve participant compliance and provide some operational procedures.

The Registry development costs were finalised and published in April and the difference between estimated and actual costs has been invoiced to participants.

More information on this workstream can be found at:

<http://www.gasindustry.co.nz/work-programme/switching-and-registry>

Critical Contingency Management

Transmission system owners (TSOs) are continuing to work on their critical contingency management plans, with current submitted drafts recently declined by the expert adviser. Gas Industry Co is assisting wherever possible in the harmonisation of the two plans in an effort to move towards go-live.

The Critical Contingency operator has made progress with the drafting of the communications plan and information guide, both required to be published on the go-live date. Drafts of the documents, on the transition from NGOCP to critical contingency management arrangements, were circulated before the GANZ workshop.

Gas Industry Co will shortly be issuing letters to large consumers inviting applications for minimal load consumer and essential service provider designations. Guidelines for approving applications, which include the necessary criteria, are available on the website:

www.gasindustry.co.nz/work-programme/critical-contingency-management?tab=331#fragment-1132

Consumer Issues

Response to and Analysis of Submissions – Consultation Paper on current issues for domestic and small business gas consumers.

In August 2008, a consultation paper was published, inviting submissions on a range of current issues for domestic and small business gas consumers. Submissions have been analysed and a response formulated which reaches conclusions and sets out the proposed next

steps in key areas. The key areas are those of gas market and gas governance performance measurement, the provision of information to support consumer choices, dealing with connections and disconnections, and achieving appropriate retail contract terms and conditions. The response also includes a final set of 18 proposed 'consumer expectations'.

The submissions analysis and response document can be accessed at:
http://www.gasindustry.co.nz/sites/default/files/u12/Consumer_Issues_Response_Document_v2_April_09_149789.3.pdf

Vector Transmission Code Change Request Appeal

After consideration of submissions and cross-submissions on the 20 February 2009 VTC Change Request Appeal, Gas Industry Co expected to release a draft recommendation on 29 April 2009. However, Gas Industry Co has decided further specialist advice is required to conclude its analysis of certain aspects of the appeal. Publication of the draft recommendation is expected shortly, with submissions on the draft recommendation due by 5 June. More information on this workstream can be found at: <http://www.gasindustry.co.nz/work-programme/vtc-change-request-appeal-20-february-2009>

Corporate Services Update

A restructure of the company's organisational design was undertaken during April 2009. The Company is now better placed to carry out its developing Market Services roles which will form an increasingly significant part of its activity. In addition, the Company has significantly reduced its overall operating costs, allowing it to deliver a material

reduction in levy rates for FY2010 to the industry. Gas Industry Co is currently recruiting for vacant positions as a result of this restructure.

During April, the company farewelled Nicole MacFarlane, General Counsel; Curtis Gregorash, Legal Adviser and Lorraine Biggs; PA to the Chief Executive.

Levy Returns

Gas Industry Co has instituted a new process for receiving levy returns. Please note that levy returns should be addressed to: accounts@gasindustry.co.nz.

Accounts

Gas Industry Co has instituted a new process for receiving queries regarding invoices and accounts. Please note that all queries should be addressed to: accounts@gasindustry.co.nz

Venue Hire

Having problems finding a meeting room to suit your requirements? Gas Industry Co has several rooms for hire that can accommodate between 6-40 people in modern, light and spacious surroundings with state-of-the-art audio/video facilities. Full kitchen facilities are also available.

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