

Kia Ora, and welcome to the Gas Industry Company's *News Bulletin* - a periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

In this issue we cover:

- Revised Gas Quality and Gas Measurement documents available.
- Industry Notifications on Gas Industry Co website.
- September 2019 switching numbers available.

Revised Gas Quality and Gas Measurement documents available.

Revised Gas Quality and Gas Measurement documents are now available on Gas Industry Co's website.

In anticipation of the GTAC coming into effect on 1 April 2020, we have taken the opportunity to update the Gas Quality Requirements and Procedures document and the Gas Measurement Requirements and Procedures document (the "R&P documents").

These documents provide an overview of the legal requirements and technical standards that apply to those areas and describe common industry practices. While Gas Industry Co is responsible for maintaining the documents, they are developed in consultation with the industry, and are intended to reflect the common views of stakeholders. Accordingly, we issued drafts of the proposed updates earlier this year and invited comment. Helpful suggestions were received from First Gas Limited and Vector Limited. We address those suggestions in the "Review of comments" papers.

Documents relating to Gas Quality R&P can be found [here](#).

Documents relating to Gas Measurement R&P can be found [here](#).

In summary, the main items marked-up in the revisions are:

Gas Quality R&P document

- a "Scope" section is introduced;
- more explanation is provided on the role of Asset Management Plans and price-quality regulation;
- Section 6.1, on how Gas specification incidents are dealt with, is updated; and
- the diagrams (Figure 4 and Figure 5) illustrating communication when an odorant plant fails, and odorant fade is detected are revised to better match the text

Gas Measurement R&P document

- additional introductory explanation of what a "Gas Measurement System (GMS)" is under legislation and in general industry usage;
- a "Scope" section is introduced;
- the section on the design and installation of GMS is put into a new chapter (Chapter 5).

The R&P documents will be updated when a material change occurs. In regard to Gas Measurement, we do not anticipate any such changes in the foreseeable future. In regard to Gas Quality, First Gas has signalled that it intends to discuss the possible introduction of Gas Quality Guidelines with stakeholders towards the end of 2020. Such Guidelines would allow for a proportional response to a gas quality excursion (ie injections could continue if an excursion was minor, with curtailment only required for more significant excursions). If that work results in Guidelines being introduced, the Gas Quality R&P document would likely require updating at that time.

Industry Notifications on Gas Industry Co website.

In July, Gas Industry Co developed the Industry Notifications page for industry stakeholders to post notifications. We developed a further function on that page for subscribed users to be automatically notified of new notifications.

The Industry Notifications page has since been functioning well with new notifications being posted and corresponding updates being made. A number of industry stakeholders have taken the opportunity and signed up to receive notifications. However, we have noticed that some stakeholders who initially requested this service are yet to subscribe. If you have not yet subscribed to this service you can do so [here](#). Alternatively, if you need help setting this up, please contact us at info@gasindustry.co.nz.

September 2019 switching numbers available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for September 2019 are available [here](#).

There were 3,614 completed customer switches during September 2019 – 219 less than August 2019, and 214 more than September 2018.

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 3,851 switches taking place a month and they took on average two days to complete. During that time the highest numbers of switches occurred in July 2019 (4,426) and January 2019 saw the lowest (3,218).

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