News Bulletin

Kia ora,

Today we are bringing you a News Bulletin that invites you to submit on our FY2025 Work Programme and Levy Consultation Paper and on our Statement of Proposal on Changes to Gas Governance Arrangements. The News Bulletin also includes a notice about Wellington Anniversary Day, advises you of our office shut-down period and our advice on re-contracting for gas supply in 2024.

Your Views: Gas Industry Co FY2025 Work Programme and Levy Consultation Paper

Our planned work programme for FY2025, and the levy that industry participants will pay, is out for consultation.

You can read it here.

Our industry self-regulatory model depends on industry participants having a say about our work programme plans. We held our annual co-regulatory forum on 30 November, and the work programme reflects the priorities discussed there. You can read the slides presented at the forum here.

Please email your submission to consultations@gasindustry.co.nz by **5pm, Friday 9 February 2024.**

Your Views: Statement of Proposals on Changes to Gas Governance Arrangements

The deployment of smart gas meters, the evolution of the D+1 pilot and the potential injection of renewable gases into downstream networks require changes to gas governance arrangements so that they remain fit for purpose.

The Statement of Proposal presents a coordinated set of changes to the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008, the Gas (Switching Arrangements) Rules 2008 and associated industry IT systems. The proposals respond to market-led initiatives, such as the rollout of advanced gas metering, and have been informed by industry discussions and working groups.

You can read it [here](#).

Please email your submission to consultations@gasindustry.co.nz by **5pm, Friday 23 February 2024.**

Firstgas proposed amendments to critical contingency managment plan

Firstgas has invited submissions from stakeholders on proposed amendments to its critical contingency management plan.

On 13 December 2023, Firstgas notified Gas Industry Co of proposed amendments to its critical contingency management plan (CCMP), this is available on our website [here](#). The primary purpose of the proposed amendments to remove the Broadlands and Taupo points of measurement from the pressure thresholds for declaration of a critical contingency event.

The proposed amendments to the CCMP relate to the proposed amendments to the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations that Gas Industry Co submitted to the Minister on 7 December 2023 available on our website [here](#).

Submissions on the proposed amendments to the CCMP may be sent to firstgas.transmission@firstgas.co.nz by close of business on **Thursday 8 February 2024.**

Wellington Anniversary Day 2024

Our Notice of Determinations by the Industry Body under the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008, includes a determination that Wellington Anniversary is treated as a non-business day as long as the Allocation Agent is based in Wellington.

This continues to be the case and therefore Monday 22 January 2024 is a non-business day for the purposes of the Rules. This is in addition to the nationally observed public holidays that are also non-business days under the Rules.

Re-contracting for gas supply

Gas Industry Co's view is that energy supply in 2024 may remain tight despite current high lake levels.

To avoid the situation where some customers are coming to market at times of tightness across the energy sector, we advise industrial and commercial customers with upcoming contract renewal to 'go to market' for supply well in advance of the contract expiring.

It is our view that going to market early will reduce the exposure risk associated with low hydro inflows impacting on gas supply in Q2, 2024.

Office Hours over the Summer Break

Our offices are closed from 5 pm Thursday 21 December, reopening on Monday 8 January 2024.

Wishing you a safe and Meri Kirihimete.