

Welcome to Gas Industry Co's News Bulletin, a periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

November Switching Statistics

The gas consumer switching statistics for November 2015 are now available. There were 4,504 completed customer switches during the month. The numbers for November were 178 more than in October 2015, and 443 more than the same time last year.

[> View the switching statistics](#)

Update to the Gas Billing Factors Guidelines

Gas Industry Co has revised its Billing Factors Guidelines to reflect Standards New Zealand's updated gas measurement standard. NZS 5259:2015 is available for purchase through Standards New Zealand's website [here](#).

The Standard sets out requirements for gas measurement that are useful, measureable, and repeatable as a minimum standard for the gas sector. It aims to improve accuracy of gas measurement and to benefit both the gas sector and the consumer by providing a means of compliance for gas measurement to meet performance criteria.

[> View Gas Industry Co's Billing Factors Guidelines](#)

2015 Co-Regulatory Forum

Gas Industry Co thanks industry stakeholders who participated in our annual Co-Regulatory Forum on Friday 27 November. The Statement of Proposal on the Company's FY2017 Levy and Statement of Intent will be released for consultation around 17 December 2015.

[> View the Forum Slides](#)

Registry Operator Rollover and Upcoming Tender

The Gas Registry – the authoritative database of information on gas customer installations and the platform for customer switching – is operated and maintained by Jade Software Corporation (Jade) in its role as Registry Operator under the Gas (Switching Arrangements) Rules 2008. The Service Provider Agreement between Jade and Gas Industry Co includes a five-year term plus two opportunities (at Gas Industry Co's discretion) to extend the term by two years each. Gas Industry Co has recently exercised its second option to extend the agreement with Jade, which now expires on 1 March 2018.

In preparation for the expiry of the Agreement, and consistent with its other service provider appointments, Gas Industry Co will be running a tender process in early 2016 to seek an appointment from March 2018. The tender, a single stage request for proposal (RFP) process, will be run jointly with the Electricity Authority (EA), whose own agreement with Jade, to provide the Registry Manager role for the Electricity Registry, is due to expire in 2017.

By collaborating with the EA, we hope to deliver value to industry participants by leveraging the potential benefit of a single provider performing both roles. The EA will facilitate the joint tender on the New Zealand Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS). The RFP documents are expected to be published on the GETS website in January 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunchtime Seminar with Mike Underhill and Stuart Dickson

Gas Industry Co invites industry stakeholders to a lunchtime seminar covering two key issues for the New Zealand gas industry.

Mike Underhill, Chief Executive of EECA, will speak on *Does gas fit into a low carbon future?* And Stuart Dickson, General Manager Gas at Powerco, will speak on *Where does gas fit into a smart energy future?*

This is an opportunity for those who missed these presentations at the recent 2015 NZ Gas Industry Forum in Rotorua.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who may be interested in attending.

EVENT DETAILS

Date	Friday, 19 February 2016
Time	12.00 – 1.30pm (tea/coffee, and a light lunch will be provided)
Location	Gas Industry Co offices, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP	Estelle Tolmay by Friday 12 February 2016

RECENT EVENTS

Gas Markets - Emerging Trends

The changes facing gas markets was discussed by David Hunt of Concept Consulting and Steve Bielby at the recent Energy Law Association (ELA) Seminar held at Gas Industry Co on Wednesday 2 December.

[> View the presentations here](#)

2015 Annual Meeting

Gas Industry Co's Annual Meeting was held on 26 November 2015. Shareholders re-elected Jim Bolger and Keith Davis as Independent Directors. Both Directors were retiring under the rotation provisions of Gas Industry Co's Constitution and, being eligible, made themselves available for re-election. There were no other Director nominations.

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