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Dear Stakeholders

### **Options for Switching Arrangements for the New Zealand Gas Industry Consultation Paper**

In the Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance, dated October 2004, the Minister of Energy invited the Gas Industry Co to recommend arrangements in relation to the standardisation and upgrading of protocols relating to customer switching, so that barriers to customer switching are minimised.

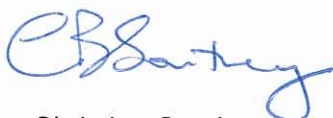
The Gas Industry Co in conjunction with the Switching & Registry Working Group, chaired by Bill Heaps, has prepared a consultation paper titled: Options for Switching Arrangements for the New Zealand Gas Industry. The consultation document can be downloaded from the Gas Industry Co's website: [www.gasindustry.co.nz](http://www.gasindustry.co.nz).

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we are currently seeking input from stakeholders on the Gas Industry Co's analysis of the issues facing switching arrangements, the options considered to be available to address these issues and the Gas Industry Co's preferred option.

The Gas Industry Co invites submissions on the proposal by **5 pm on 28 October 2005**. Please note that submissions received after this date may not be able to be considered.

Should you have any questions about the consultation document, please contact Simon Bratt on telephone: 04 494 2463 or email: [simon.bratt@gasindustry.co.nz](mailto:simon.bratt@gasindustry.co.nz). In addition, please contact us if you have any difficulty downloading the document and we will send you out a hard copy.

Yours sincerely  
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