**Block 3 Outputs – 5 change requests**

**Appendix 1 – Proposed GTAC amendments**

1. **code changes**

**Amendment of Code**

* 1. Subject to the balance of this *section 17*, First Gas, any Shipper or any Interconnected Party with an ICA (each an *Interested Party*) may apply to amend this Code (a *Change Requestor*).
	2. Notwithstanding *section 17.1*, provided all Interested Parties agree in writing, the Code may be changed other than as set out in this *section 17*.

**Draft Change Request**

* 1. A Change Requestor shall notify its wish to amend the Code by submitting the following documentation to both First Gas and GIC (*Draft* *Change Request*):
		1. a description of the proposed change;
		2. the reasons for, and the intended effect and impact of the proposed change;
		3. a marked-up version of the Code showing any proposed amendments; and
		4. the provisional date on which the amended Code would take effect if approved,

provided that no Draft Change Request may be notified in the period from 24 December to 2 January in any Year, inclusive.

* 1. First Gas will publish any Draft Change Request on OATIS as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 3 Business Days of receiving it.
	2. As soon as reasonably practicable but in any event within 15 Business Days following First Gas’ publication of a Draft Change Request, any Interested Party may request the Change Requestor to provide additional, relevant information in relation to the proposed change (the date of such request, the *Further Information Request Date*).
	3. The Change Requestor shall provide both First Gas and GIC with the additional information reasonably requested pursuant to *section 17.5* as soon as reasonably practicable and in any case not later than 10 Business Days following the Further Information Request Date (such date, the *Further Information Provision Date*). The Change Requestor shall not be required to provide the additional information requested if and to the extent the amount of additional information requested is unduly onerous or not relevant to the Draft Change Request.
	4. Within 5 Business Days following the Further Information Provision Date (or, if no information request is made under *section 17.5*, within 30 Business Days of First Gas’ publication of a Draft Change Request), any Interested Party may notify both First Gas and GIC:
		1. whether it supports the proposed change in principle;
		2. of any specific objections it has; and/or
		3. of any conditions that would attach to its support for the proposed change,

in each case including reasons.

* 1. First Gas will publish any request pursuant to *section 17.5*, the Change Requestor’s response pursuant to *section 17.6*, and all Interested Parties’ views notified pursuant to *section 17.7* on OATIS within 2 Business Days of receiving the same.

**Change Request**

* 1. Not later than 17 Business Days following the Further Information Provision Date (or, if no information request is made under *section 17.5*, within 42 Business Days of First Gas’ publication of a Draft Change Request), the Change Requestor may submit to both First Gas and GIC the following information (*Change Request*):
		1. the information referred to in *section 17.3*, amended as required to reflect Interested Parties’ responses pursuant to *section 17.7*; and
		2. its responses to any substantive specific objections raised,

and if it does not do so the proposed Change Request will be treated as formally withdrawn.

* 1. First Gas will publish any Change Request on OATIS as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 3 Business Days of receiving it, and notify if as a result of information provided under *section 17.9* First Gas does not support the proposed change.

**GIC Recommendation**

* 1. Following submission of a Change Request in accordance with *section 17.9*, GIC, after appropriate consultation with the Gas industry, will provide a written recommendation stating whether or not it approves that Change Request. The GIC recommendation will consider (but not be limited to) whether the proposed change better achieves the objectives set out in section 43ZN of the Gas Act 1992 and the objectives set out in Government Policy Statements on gas prepared under section 43ZO of the Gas Act 1992 than the current Code. In doing so, the GIC may also suggest any further Code changes or actions by any Party that it considers relevant.
	2. Subject to *section 17.14*, a Change Request approved by GIC (*Recommended Change Request*) will become effective on the date specified in the approval. A Change Request the GIC does not approve will be deemed to have been declined and will lapse.
	3. Where it approves a Recommended Change Request, First Gas will notify all Interested Parties thereof via OATIS within 2 Business Days, and publish an amended Code on OATIS which shall be effective from the later of the publication date and any effective date set out in the Recommended Change Request.
	4. First Gas may decline to approve a Recommended Change Request if it has previously given notice under *section 17.7* or under *section 17.10* that it does not support the proposed change and:
		1. it considers that the Change Request:
			1. could reasonably be expected to cause First Gas or another Interested Party to breach its obligation to act as a Reasonable and Prudent Operator; or
			2. is inconsistent with other obligations under the Code or an Interconnection
			Agreement; or
		2. the proposed Code change would:
			1. require First Gas to incur expenditure it could not recover; or
			2. be likely to adversely affect First Gas’ current or future provision of transmission services, pricing structure or revenue recovery,

provided that First Gas must publish its reasons on OATIS within 5 Business Days of receiving GIC’s decision pursuant to *section 17.11*.

**Correction Amendments**

* 1. If an Interested Party believes this Code needs to be amended either:
		1. as a result of any law change, or the order of any Court with competent jurisdiction;
		2. to correct a typographical or other error; or
		3. to update a reference to an external source including any act or standard,

that Interested Party may submit a notice to both First Gas and GIC (*Correction Request*) setting out:

* + 1. the proposed amendments to the Code;
		2. the explanation for each proposed amendment; and
		3. the date on which the proposed amendments will take effect (not to be sooner than 20 Business Days after the Correction Request is notified) (the *Code Correction Date*).
	1. A Correction Request shall be deemed to have amended the Code unless an Interested Party submits a notice of objection to both First Gas (which First Gas will promptly publish on OATIS) and GIC prior to the Code Correction Date.
	2. In the absence of any notice of objection pursuant to *section 17.16*, First Gas shall publish marked up and clean copies of the Code incorporating the changes set out in the Correction Request on OATIS and the amended Code shall take effect on the Code Correction Date.
	3. If a notice of objection is submitted pursuant to *section 17.16*, the Correction Request shall be deemed to have been withdrawn (and the Interested Party who submitted it may submit a Draft Change Request).

**Urgent Code Change**

* 1. First Gas may make a temporary change to the Code in accordance with this *section 17.19* and *section 17.20* if it believes that such change is necessary to respond to unforeseen circumstances which threaten the integrity of, or the proper commercial operation of, the Transmission System (*Urgent Code Change*).
	2. First Gas will notify all Interested Parties and GIC of any Urgent Code Change and in relation to any Urgent Code Change must publish the following information on OATIS:
		1. the required amendments to the Code;
		2. the explanation of each required amendment; and
		3. the date on which the required Code amendments will take effect (not be earlier than the first Business Day after the Urgent Code Change is published on OATIS).
	3. Subject to *section 17.22*, the Code amendments implemented via any Urgent Code Change shall expire 6 Months after the date they take effect and, if First Gas wishes them to be permanent, it may submit a Draft Change Request accordingly (at any time).
	4. GIC may at any time revoke an Urgent Code Change that it considers to be manifestly unreasonable or contrary to the interests of users of the Transmission System.