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This Gas Industry Company Bulletin is bringing you the latest on our Gas Market Settings Investigation Consultation Paper out for consultation.

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Gas Market Settings Investigation Consultation Paper

A consultation paper about *the role of gas in supporting the energy transition and the fitness of current market, commercial and regulatory settings* has been released.

Gas Industry Company is investigating the issues at the request of the Minister of Energy & Resources, who has asked for advice about gas supply in the context of New Zealand's path to a net zero emissions economy by 2050, and the Government's commitment to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2030.

A report will be developed after consultation and is expected to be completed and published in August 2021.

Gas Industry Company has consulted with gas and electricity industry producers, pipeline owners, gas shippers, electricity generators, major and medium-sized industrial gas users, industry bodies, and regulators. It has also commissioned supporting analysis about the gas supply and demand outlook, the commercial and investment framework to meet gas demand over the next 15 years, how gas storage could support or complement natural gas supply to provide availability and flexibility during the transition period, and whether LNG could also play a role.

The consultation paper reflects what Gas Industry Company has heard and seeks your views about our understanding of the settings and whether we have missed anything.

Potential next steps and solutions have also emerged. These are included in the paper for comment and feedback. Gas Industry Company has not yet assessed them yet and we intend to respond to them after the consultation. There is unlikely to be a single solution and our initial thinking sees potential in solutions that provide greater confidence to support the required investment in gas supply and flexibility.

We would like to hear your view

The consultation paper is now out for consultation.

Gas Industry Company intends to continue the consultation conversation. We would like to hear your response to the themes, issues and potential solutions outlined in the Consultation Paper.

You can read the paper [here](#).

Written submissions should be provided to Gas Industry Company by 4pm on Thursday 24 June 2021.

You can submit by logging into Gas Industry Company's website and uploading your submission. If you cannot upload your submission, you can email it to consultations@gasindustry.co.nz with "Submission - Gas

Market Settings Investigation” in the subject line. Submissions may be amended at any time before the closing date. Please see the document for detail about confidential submission content.

Gas Industry Company is happy to meet industry stakeholders to discuss the investigation or any issues in more detail. Please contact carolyn.vanleuven@gasindustry.co.nz

Green gas certification scheme

In Gas Industry Company's recent consultation of our FY2022 work programme we highlighted that we would be working with industry to assess the opportunity for a renewable gas certification scheme in New Zealand.

As a starting point to this work, last year we engaged PwC to provide us with advice on international examples of renewable gas certification. Their work looked at considerations for the implementation of a New Zealand scheme. Industry has been requesting the opportunity to see the output from PwC's work and we have released it [here](#).

Gas Industry Company will continue to engage with the wider industry to understand what frameworks need to be in place to ensure an efficient and trusted certification market.

Independent to our work, Certified Energy have recently committed to the launch of a renewable gas certification scheme and released a discussion paper for its design.

Certified Energy is inviting industry to respond to its consultation process. The consultation paper, along with a feedback form, is available at www.certifiedenergy.co.nz/renewable-gas.

Gas Industry Company encourages stakeholders to engage with consultations about the certifying regime.

Customer switching updates

3,992 customers completed switches during April 2021.

This is 478 less than March 2021 and 2,232 more than April 2020. It's worth noting here that April 2020 was a historic low month for switching due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Switching Trends

On average, 4,111 customers switched each month over the past year.

Switches took an average of two days to complete.

The highest number of customers switched in July 2020:

4,962.

The fewest switched in May 2020: 3,263.

Find out more

Switching numbers are available in the Gas Registry [here](#).

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