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### Trustpower response to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 consultation

Trustpower thanks the Gas Industry Company (GIC) and First Gas for the opportunity to comment on the current documents for consultation.

Trustpower finds that as we enter the second round of the Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) negotiations our resources are becoming stretched, and we are unfortunately unable to expend the same amount of effort as in the first round of negotiations. We are pleased with the open mind with which First Gas is approaching the second round of negotiations, and believe that they are effectively working towards addressing the concerns raised by the GIC in the Final Assessment Paper.

We largely support the proposed enhancements in this round of consultation, but are particularly heartened that First Gas is investigating a default nomination scheme for Mass Market customers analogous to the UK gas system. This will provide significant benefits to Mass Market customers by reducing the overall Overrun and Underrun charges the segment as a whole will face. We eagerly await further development of this initiative.

For any questions relating to the material in this submission, please contact me on 027 816 830.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Schubauer".

**Craig Schubauer**

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