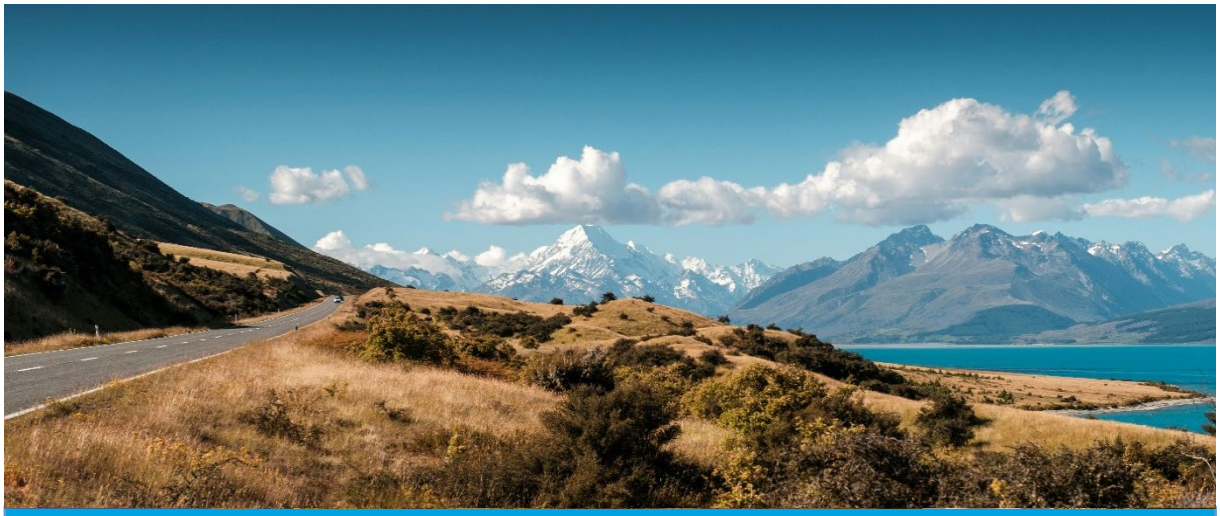
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News Bulletin 27 November 2026

Kia ora

Welcome to the latest Gas Industry Co News Bulletin.

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Gas Industry Co welcomes new Independent Director

Gas Industry Co is pleased to announce the election of Hon Amy Adams and Nigel Barbour as Independent Directors at its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on 26 November 2026.

Amy, who is the current Board Chair, was re-elected for a further term, while Nigel joins the Board following the retirement of longstanding Independent Director Andrew Brown.

Nigel is Chief Executive of the Orion Group, a role he has held since July 2021. Before joining Orion, he spent 19 years at Powerco, New Zealand's second-largest electricity distribution business and largest gas distribution business, including nine years as Chief Executive.

Nigel brings extensive experience in New Zealand's energy sector, with a strong understanding of the challenges associated with energy security, affordability and the transition to a lower-emissions future.

He is also Chair of Electricity Networks Aotearoa, the Electricity CEO Forum and the Energy Transition Sector Framework CEO Level Steering Group.

Gas Industry Co welcomes Nigel to the Board and looks forward to the experience and insights he will bring. The Company also acknowledges and thanks Andrew Brown for his significant contribution during his time as an Independent Director.

Co-regulatory Forum – Change of date

Our annual co-regulatory forum will now be held online on Tuesday 8 December, 10.00am – 12.00pm.

This year, we will discuss the FY2028 Work Programme and associated Levy, which will inform our Statement of Intent for 2028-2030.

Our co-regulatory model relies on the input of industry to develop our Work Programme. Early conversations about priorities are invaluable, and attending the co-regulatory forum is your chance to contribute to this process.

The feedback we receive at the forum will inform the detailed proposals released for industry consultation in mid-December, providing an opportunity for written submissions.

Registration for the forum is essential.

To register, email info@gasindustry.co.nz with 'RSVP co-reg forum' as the subject.

You will then receive a link to the event taking place online. We look forward to seeing you there.

Firstgas Critical Contingency Management Plan approved

We approved Firstgas' proposed amendments to its Critical Contingency Management Plan (CCMP) in November.

The changes were primarily designed to align the CCMP with the updated Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008 which came into Force on 24 September 2026:

1. Correcting, or introducing new, regulatory section references from the CCM Amendment Regulations;
2. Removing references to the "old" curtailment bands and updating references to the "new";
3. Some minor text changes required by the CCM Amendment Regulations in relation to:
    a. How "transient" breaches of critical contingency pressure thresholds are managed;
    b. how stakeholder "contact details" are recorded and managed;
    c. the form that curtailment compliance updates are to be provided to Firstgas; and

d. the trigger for Asset Owner notification obligations.

4. Minor incidental changes or corrections.

The Firstgas Critical Contingency Management Plan is available on the CCO website.

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