



News Bulletin

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This Gas Industry Company Bulletin is bringing you an update about our FY2023 Work Programme and Levy Consultation Paper.

Also in this update:

- Our office hours over the summer break.
- Wellington Anniversary Day.
- We're seeking your views on our Advanced Gas Metering Infrastructure – Submissions Review and Recommendations.
- An update on our paused Critical Contingency Management Regulations Review.
- Latest switching updates.

Wishing you a safe and Meri Kirihimete. Ngā mihi.

Your Views: Gas Industry Co FY2023 Work Programme and Levy Consultation Paper

Our planned work programme for FY2023, and the levy that industry participants will pay, is out for consultation.

You can read it [here](#).

Our industry self-regulatory model depends on industry participants having a say about our work programme plans.

We held our annual co-regulatory forum earlier this month, and the work programme reflects the priorities discussed there. You can read the slides presented at the forum [here](#).

Industry submissions are requested by **5pm Tuesday 8 February 2022**. Submit [here](#).

Office Hours over the Summer Break

Our offices are closed from Thursday 23 December, reopening on Monday 10 January 2022.

Thanks to everyone for your support during the year on COVID-19 related matters, we remain prepared during the holiday period to respond to any urgent queries or situations if required.

Wellington Anniversary Day 2022

Our *Notice of Determinations by the Industry Body under the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008*, includes a determination that Wellington Anniversary is treated as a non-business day as long as the Allocation Agent is based in Wellington.

This continues to be the case and therefore Monday 24 January 2022 is a non-business day for the purposes of the Rules.

Advanced Gas Metering Infrastructure – Submissions Review and Recommendations

Gas Industry Co published its [Advanced Gas Metering – Issues Assessment paper](#) on 24 September 2021. That paper set out a preliminary list of potential issues on the deployment of advanced metering technology into the gas market, with Gas Industry Co's initial commentary on each of the issues, and an initial assessment of the priority to be afforded to each issue.

We received five submissions on the issues assessment paper. Two from gas distribution network companies, two from gas metering service providers and one from a consumer solutions service provider. No submissions were received from gas retailers or gas consumers.

All submissions received are available to read [here](#).

We have reviewed the submissions and are now publishing our summary and assessment of the submissions, our updated assessment of the priority to be afforded to each of the identified issues, and our recommendations on how each of these issues should be progressed.

Submissions on this paper are now welcomed. The deadline for making a submission is **5pm Monday 14 February 2022**. Submit [here](#).

Critical Contingency Management Regulations Review – Update

In August 2021 Gas Industry Co released our Summary of Submissions and Next Steps for amending the CCM Regulations. We were in the process of releasing the Statement of Proposal for a final round of consultation before making a recommendation to the Minister to change the regulations.

The Statement of Proposal includes a variety of proposed changes to the CCM Regulations, including an amendment to Schedule 1 (the critical contingency threshold limits). This proposed change was included as we had received a request from the Transmission System Owner to do so and an external review found the recommendations sensible.

However, in November 2021, Gas Industry Co received a second letter from the TSO that makes several recommendations to further amend Schedule 1. The TSO sees that more flexibility is required in Schedule 1 to respond to the challenges posed by the rapidly evolving energy environment.

Given the importance of Schedule 1 to the integrity of the CCM Regulations we have decided to put the regulations change process on hold while we undertake an external review of the TSO's new recommendations. The review may result in further changes to Schedule 1 which we will want to include in the Statement of Proposal for feedback from the industry.

Switching updates for November

There were **3757** switches in November 2021. This is 491 more than October 2021 and 530 fewer than November 2020.

During the last 12 months we saw, on average, 3700 switches taking place per month, and they took an average of two days to complete.

During that time the highest number of switches took place in December 2020 at 4621 switches, and the lowest was in September 2021 at 3022.

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