

NEWSbulletin

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NEWS ITEM

Final Recommendation on Change of Ownership Change Request

Gas Industry Co has released its *Final Recommendation on the 13 April 2016 MPOC Change of Ownership Change Request (COCR)*. The COCR proposed amendments to the MPOC aimed to facilitate the change in the ownership and operation of the Maui pipeline to First Gas Limited, the new owner of the Vector transmission system.

The *Final Recommendation* supports the COCR.

Gas Industry Co expects the amendments to take effect no sooner than 14 May 2016.

Information on Gas Industry Co's role under the MPOC and further background on the COCR can be found on our website.

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Reminder: CONSULTATION OPEN and WORKSHOP INVITATION

Security and Reliability Issues Paper

Gas Industry Co released a *Gas Transmission Security and Reliability Issues Paper* on 21 April 2016 and reminds stakeholders that submissions are invited by **5.00pm, Friday 10 June 2016**.

Stakeholders are also reminded of a workshop being held on **Tuesday, 24 May 2016**, where the *Issues Paper* will be presented. In the afternoon of the same day, Gas Industry Co will host a Commerce Commission workshop to consider what quality measures should be considered for the price-quality reset. Event details are found below.

The *Issues Paper* focusses on security and reliability (S&R) of the gas transmission system. It:

- introduces key gas transmission S&R concepts;
- reviews available security and reliability information for each transmission system;
- discusses current commercial and regulatory arrangements for gas transmission that support S&R;
- analyses what is required to achieve effective gas transmission S&R, and considers whether all of those elements are present in current New Zealand arrangements; and
- draws some conclusions from the preceding analysis, and proposes a number of action points.

[> Read more and upload a submission](#)

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Date	Tuesday, 24 May 2016	
Time	10.00 – 12.00pm	Gas Industry Co workshop on S&R Issues paper
	12.00 – 1.00pm	Lunch
	1.00 – 4.00pm	Commerce Commission workshop on quality measures
Location	Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington	
RSVP	Estelle Tolmay by Friday, 20 May 2016	

Other news

Quarterly Report released

Gas Industry Co's March 2016 *Quarterly Report* is now available on our website and it highlights:

- Industry Performance Measures
- Summary of developments in the quarter
- The Company's progress towards objectives and outcomes

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Consumer Energy Options Report released

On 29 April 2016, Gas Industry Co released the *Consumer Energy Options Report in New Zealand – 2016 Update (Report)* during an industry stakeholder seminar.

The *Report* commissioned by Gas Industry Co from Concept Consulting updates the original 2012 *Report*, and finds that gas continues to provide a competitive energy choice for home energy and industry heat applications.

The *Report*, a key points summary document, presentation slides, and a consumer brochure are available on our website.

[> Read more](#)

Gas Consumer Switching Statistics – April 2016

The *Gas Registry Statistics* recording gas consumer switching numbers for April 2016 is now available. There were 4,391 customer switches completed during the month. There were 37 fewer switches in April than in March 2016 and 314 more than in April 2015.

[> View the switching statistics](#)

Audit report finds D+1 pilot processes robust

Gas industry Co has released a report *Audit of D+1 Processes*. The *Report* was commissioned from Veritek to audit the D+1 pilot processes. It finds that the D+1 pilot processes and systems are as secure, robust and reliable as reasonably practicable. The D+1 pilot produces daily allocations, for the day prior, throughout the month.

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Critical Contingency Operator – Industry Training

The Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) will be running its Annual Industry Exercise in June to test the Critical Contingency Management Plans. In preparation, the CCO will conduct the following training sessions in Auckland, New Plymouth and Wellington:

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Auckland	Genesis Energy 660 Great South Rd Ellerslie	Tuesday, 24 May 2016	1.00 – 3.00pm
New Plymouth	First Gas Ltd 42 Connett Road West Bell Block	Wednesday, 25 May 2016	10.00 – 12.00pm
Wellington	Gas Industry Company Level 8, The Todd Building 95 Customhouse Quay	Thursday 26th May 2016	1.00 – 3.00pm

To attend one of the sessions above or to find out more, please respond directly to the CCO [here](#).

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