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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Zealand Gas Story - Roadshow planned for Auckland and Wellington

Gas Industry Co will be repeating recent years' popular roadshow presentations on *The New Zealand Gas Story*. Our intention is to provide an 'end-to-end' overview of the New Zealand gas industry, highlighting latest trends and future scenarios. The target audiences are those who want to improve their knowledge of the gas industry, including those who know parts of the industry but not the 'end-to-end' story.

This year we will be holding the presentations in Auckland and Wellington, and one in Taranaki (date to be advised) will be held in the New Year. If there is sufficient interest we will be happy to present to individual organisations.

City	Venue	Date	Time
Wellington	Gas Industry Co Office 95 Customhouse Quay Level 8 The Todd Building Wellington	Thursday 1 December 2016	1.30pm – 4.00pm
Auckland	Contact Energy 106 Customs Street West Viaduct Harbour Auckland	Friday 2 December 2016	10.00am – 12.30pm

[> RSVP here](#)

Gas Transmission Workshop

Gas Industry Co would like to remind stakeholders of the follow up workshop on [Gas Transmission](#) on **Wednesday, 9 November 2016**.

First Gas is planning to release an options paper for a single gas transmission access code on 28 November 2016. The purpose of this workshop is to update stakeholders on work that has been completed on the options paper so far, and to identify areas that may require further thought or development prior to releasing the options paper.

This joint First Gas and Gas Industry Co workshop follows an earlier workshop held in August 2016, where the proposed development process for a new gas transmission access code was outlined by First Gas. In September, Gas Industry Co released for consultation [The Gas Transmission Access – Single Code Options Paper – Part 1 \(SCOP1\)](#). The paper provided more detail on the process for developing that new transmission code. It discussed Gas Industry Co's role in the development process, proposed a regulatory objective, and canvassed previous work relevant to designing new transmission services.

Workshop Details

When	12.00 to 3.00pm, Wednesday 9 November 2016
Where	Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP	Estelle Tolmay (by 5.00pm, Tuesday 8 November 2016)

If you are unable to attend, but wish to participate by conference call, please register [here](#).

Annual Co-regulatory Forum

Gas Industry Co also reminds industry stakeholders of the Company's annual [Co-regulatory Forum](#) being held on **Tuesday 22 November 2016**.

Forum Details

When	1.00 to 3.00pm, Tuesday 22 November 2016
Where	Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP	Estelle Tolmay (by 5.00pm, Friday 18 November 2016)

We look forward to seeing you and/or your representatives at the Forum.

CONSULTATION

Vector Transmission Code Change Request Notification

On 2 November 2016, Gas Industry Co received a Vector Transmission Code (VTC) [Change Request Notification](#) from Vector Gas Trading Limited.

Following the move to market-based balancing (MBB), a pilot D+1 allocation arrangement was introduced for downstream allocations based on the current publication times for gas composition values and the validated and unvalidated energy values at the transmission delivery points. With First Gas proposing to introduce a new transmission code in October 2018, the current D+1 arrangements will now remain in place for at least another two years.

The Change Request Notification proposes changing the publication times of both the validated and unvalidated energy values of the First Gas delivery points together with the publication of the gas composition values to allow bringing forward the calculation of shippers' imbalance positions on the major pipeline pools.

Response to the Change Request Notification is invited by **5.00pm, Friday 11 November 2016**.

Timetable for Change Request process:

Shippers comments on Change Request Notification	Friday, 11 November 2016
Draft Change Request Published	Monday, 14 November 2016
Submissions on Draft Requested by	Monday, 28 November 2016
Final Change Request to be issued	Monday, 5 December 2016
Consent on Final Change Request close	Monday, 12 December 2016
Amended Code is implemented	Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Submissions should be emailed to: Jim Raybould at Jim.Raybould@vector.co.nz and copied to chris.bolton@firstgas.co.nz and ian.dempster@gasindustry.co.nz.

The VTC Change Request Notification is available [here](#).

Consumer switching numbers for October 2016 available

The Gas Registry Statistics recording gas [consumer switching numbers for October 2016](#) are available. There were 4,170 customer switches completed during the month. This was 88 more switches in October than in September 2016 and 156 less switches than October 2015.

Around 4,500 gas consumers switch retailer each month. 19.4% of gas consumers have switched in the past 12 months – this is one of the highest rates of retail utility switching

worldwide. Gas customers can switch retailers for many reasons, but the high level of activity in the gas retail market suggests that customers find changing retailer easy and can put pressure on retailers to offer competitive terms and pricing. Switching rates have been over 18% for more than two years.

[> Read more](#)

September Quarterly Report released

Gas Industry Co's *September Quarterly Report* is now available on our website. Among other items, we highlight developments in our gas transmission work, and the recent release of the *2016 Long Term Gas Supply and Demand Scenarios*.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this Bulletin, please contact us at info@gasindustry.co.nz or 04-4721800

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