

Welcome to Gas Industry Co's News Bulletin, a periodic advisory of new and current consultations, workstream developments, publications and presentations.

Consultation open

MPOC Change Request

Gas Industry Co is currently consulting on a new MPOC Change Request – Change of Ownership Change Request (COCR), and invites submissions on the COCR and its Draft Recommendation by **5.00pm, Friday 29 April 2016**.

On 13 April 2016 Gas Industry Co received an application from Maui Development Limited (MDL) seeking Gas Industry Co's support of proposed amendments to the Maui Pipeline Operating Code (MPOC). The proposed amendments aim to facilitate the change in the ownership and operation of the Maui pipeline. Among other matters the COCR:

- removes references to MDL;
- provides that the new owner can carry out the Technical Operator, System Operator, Commercial Operator, Balancing Agent and Incentives Pool Trustee roles; and
- adjusts the ring-fencing arrangements to be appropriate for the changed circumstances.

The COCR would come into effect as soon as a Gas Industry Co Final Recommendation supporting the Change Request is issued. This could be as soon as 4 May 2016, assuming no substantive issues are raised in submissions, and that Gas Industry Co continues to support the COCR.

Gas Industry Co's Draft Recommendation supports the COCR. To make a submission or to find out more about this change request please go to MPOC COCR.

TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING COCR AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are invited on both the COCR and our Draft Recommendation. Submissions close **5.00pm, Friday 29 April 2016**.

MDL formally submits COCR to GIC	Wednesday, 13 April 2016
GIC issues COCR and Draft Recommendation and calls for submissions	Thursday, 14 April 2016
Submissions on COCR and Draft Recommendation close	Friday, 29 April 2016

Invitation reminder

RELEASE OF 'CONSUMER ENERGY OPTIONS IN NZ - 2016 UPDATE'

You are invited to attend a presentation on the key findings of the report *Consumer Energy Options in NZ – 2016 Update* on **Friday, 29 April 2016**.

EVENT DETAILS

Date Friday, 29 April 2016
Time 12.00 – 1.30pm (tea/coffee, and a light lunch provided)
Location Gas Industry Co offices, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
RSVP [Estelle Tolmay](#) by Wednesday, 27 April 2016

BACKGROUND

Gas continues to provide a competitive energy choice for home energy and industrial heat applications, according to an updated review of consumer energy options.

The report, *Consumer Energy Options in New Zealand – 2016 Update*, by Concept Consulting was commissioned by Gas Industry Co and is aimed at providing updated and authoritative information that can be used by a range of private and public sector players in guiding consumer energy decision-making. It covers both households and industrial heating, and reflects on issues for gas and LPG as carbon fuels.

It is important that the positioning of gas in the energy supply mix is updated in the context of increasingly competitive energy markets, a resulting array of energy options for consumers, climate change concerns, the move towards greater use of renewable energy, and fuel and technology developments.

The report analyses the relative merits of fuel/technology options for water heating, space heating, and industrial process heat, and looks at both cost and non-price attributes. Accordingly, it will be of interest to appliance manufacturers and retailers, gasfitters, wholesalers, retailers and distributors – in helping to inform their own gas promotions – as much as it will be to consumers.

A key points summary document, and the updated report can be found [here](#).

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