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### Gas Transmission Security and Reliability Issues Paper – Submissions Analysis

An *Analysis of Submissions* has been published on the *Gas Transmission Security and Reliability Issues Paper* (Issues Paper). Eight submissions were received following a workshop and industry consultation. All these documents are available [here](#).

In recent years, stakeholder concerns about the security and reliability (S&R) of the two New Zealand gas transmission systems had increased. In response, Gas Industry Co published the Issues Paper in April and called for submissions.

Submissions tended to support the analysis of the Issues Paper where it:

- Introduces key gas transmission S&R concepts.
- Reviews available security and reliability information for each transmission system, and makes some observations.
- 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.
- Draws some conclusions from the preceding analysis, makes recommendations, and sets out the next steps.

This could indicate acceptance that S&R is generally headed in the right direction, assisted by information disclosed under the Commerce Commission's price-quality determinations. The First Gas submission noted its willingness to discuss the concerns raised in the Issues Paper and to look for further improvement.

Gas Industry Co believes that, taken together, the Issues Paper and the stakeholder submissions set the groundwork for improved S&R. Gas Industry Co will monitor relevant work

by the Commerce Commission and by First Gas with stakeholders before considering the need for any further action.

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## Statement of Intent published

We have released our *FY2017-19 Statement of Intent* (SOI). The SOI is published annually and sets out Gas Industry Co's Work Programme for the coming year, together with an indication of expected activity for the subsequent two years. These were developed in consultation with stakeholders.

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## Levy Regulations take effect

The Gas (Levy of Industry Participants) Regulations 2016, which provide for Gas Industry Co's wholesale and retail levies for the financial year ended 30 June 2017, were Gazetted on 19 May 2016 and took effect on 1 July 2016. The levies were also developed as part of the consultation process referred to above.

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## Consumer switching numbers available

The Gas Registry Statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for June 2016 are now available. There were 4,421 customer switches completed during the month. There were 267 fewer switches in June than in May 2016 and 158 more switches than in June 2015.

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## The NZ Gas Story updated

Gas Industry Co has updated and republished Issue 4 of the *New Zealand Gas Story*. This version incorporates the acquisition of the Maui pipeline by First Gas Limited.

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