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## *Gas Quality- June 2017 Update* published.

Today Gas Industry Co published its *Gas Quality – June 2017 Update*. The paper reviews previous gas quality work, subsequent industry developments, identifies the issues that still require attention, and proposes how these should be dealt with. The paper also proposes that we allow some time for the new First Gas access arrangements to take shape before discussions on the paper and any issues arising out of those new arrangements. Although the paper is not a formal consultation paper, as always, we would welcome any feedback you may have. Read the *Gas Quality – 2017 Update* paper, and provide any feedback [here](#).

## *GTAC: Emerging Views on Detailed Design* – supplementary material available.

Following the 17 May GTAC workshop to discuss First Gas' *Emerging Views on Detailed Design* paper, stakeholders requested from First Gas further information on the risks that have been identified with the procurement of IT associated with its new transmission access regime proposals. In response First Gas has developed an *Information Paper - Initial Summary of GTAC IT Risks (Information Paper)*.

We would also like to remind stakeholders that the consultation on the *Emerging Views on Detailed Design* closes **5.00pm Friday 23 June 2017**.

You are welcome to provide any feedback in your submission. To assist you, and Gas Industry Co's analysis, a Submissions Template is available [here](#) along with the *Information Paper* discussed above and other information on the GTAC work programme.

## Customer switching numbers for May 2017 available now.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for May 2017 are available [here](#). The month recorded 4,772 completed customer switches - 955 more switches than in April 2017.

Switching rates have been over 18% for more than two years, with switching times having fallen markedly in the past two years. At the start of 2015, on average, switches took a little over six days to complete. The average time taken to complete switches now is two business days.

## Gas Metering Review – Consultation closing soon.

Gas Industry Co reminds stakeholders of the **14 June 2017** deadline for comments and feedback on two gas metering papers: *Gas Metering Review: Review of metering service provider arrangements*, and *Gas Metering Review: Review of advanced metering technology*.

Both papers were authored by Rod Crone Consulting and describe current metering arrangements and spell out the possibilities offered by advanced metering with a view to assessing whether there are barriers to competition in the metering market or to deployment of advanced meters.

You can read the papers, and make submissions [here](#).

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