

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

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Gas metering review – next steps.

Gas Industry Co has published an analysis of the submissions received following consultation on the two papers it commissioned this year: *Gas Metering Review: Review of metering service provider arrangements*, and *Gas Metering Review: Review of advanced metering technology*. The Analysis of Submissions is available [here](#).

A consistent theme of the submissions was that advanced metering is still in the early stages of development. There is uncertainty about what ultimately might be the right technical solution for the New Zealand market. Submitters considered that the market should be allowed to develop without regulatory intervention, which could frustrate innovation.

At the same time, the majority of submitters (seven out of eight) considered that determining some minimum standards would be a pragmatic step to ensure a common understanding of what market participants want from advanced metering.

Gas Industry Co has therefore decided to establish a technical advisory group to provide advice on the issue of advanced metering. The purpose of the Technical Advanced Metering Advisory Committee (TArMAC) is twofold: to develop a set of minimum standards that will allow for the consistent collection and treatment of advanced metering data; and to identify any registry changes or rules amendments needed to accommodate the uptake of advanced metering.

Call for nominations

Gas Industry Co invites nominations from stakeholders for TArMAC. The terms of reference and selection criteria for TArMAC members is available [here](#). Nominees should have technical knowledge of and experience with gas metering.

Please forward nominations to pamela.caird@gasindustry.co.nz by Thursday 12 October 2017. Nominations should include the name of the nominee along with an outline of their particular areas of relevant expertise.

It is anticipated that the first TArMAC meeting will be held the first week of November. There may be one or two additional meetings held in November or December, depending on the group's progress with developing a set of minimum advanced metering standards. After that, it is anticipated that the group will meet on an as-needed basis and at least yearly.

An initial discussion draft of minimum standards is available [here](#).

GTAC: Updated Interconnection Agreement for Delivery Points released.

On 25 September 2017, First Gas released a clean, updated version of the ICA for Delivery Points and has also provided a compare version, showing mark-ups to the earlier August draft. Both documents can be found [here](#) along with the previous version.

GTAC WORKSHOP REMINDER: Focus session on Priority Rights Design.

In our [19 September 2017 News Bulletin](#), we notified stakeholders of two focus sessions being held at Gas Industry Co in light of requests for further consultation on the draft GTAC.

The first focus session was held on Thursday 21 September which discussed curtailment (section 9), with the next session scheduled for Thursday 28 September to discuss priority rights decision. If you have not already indicated, please RSVP accordingly below.

FOCUS SESSION on PRIORITY RIGHTS DESIGN	
Venue	Maui Room, Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
Date	Thursday, 28 September 2017
Time	2.00 – 5.00pm (coffee and tea will be available) RSVP to Alison O'Connor by 27 September 2017
Teleconference	RSVP to Alison O'Connor by 27 September 2017 Please dial 08 30 32 , and use the Guest Pin 199285

CONSULTATION REMINDER: Draft recommendation 14 July MPOC Transition Change Request.

On 14 July 2017, Gas Industry Co received a request from First Gas Limited (First Gas) to make changes to the Maui Pipeline Operating Code (MPOC). The MPOC Transition Change Request (TCR) aims to facilitate transition to a new gas transmission access code (GTAC) when certain conditions are met.

Gas Industry Co has considered submissions received on the TCR, including submissions on First Gas's supplementary documents, and decided to make a draft recommendation to support the TCR.

The Draft Recommendation on 14 July 2017 MPOC Transition Change Request (Draft Recommendation) is available [here](#).

Submissions on the Draft Recommendation are invited by **5.00pm, Monday 16 October 2017** and can be made [here](#).

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