

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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REMINDER

Critical Contingency Operator: Annual Industry Exercise.

The Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) will be running its Annual Industry Exercise on 11 April 2017 to test the First Gas Ltd Critical Contingency Management Plan (CCMP). The CCMP is published on OATIS [here](#), and also on the CCO's website [here](#).

The CCMP was prepared by First Gas in compliance with its obligation as the Transmission System Owner (TSO) under the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008. Following review by an expert adviser, Gas Industry Co approved the CCMP in February 2017.

In preparation for the Annual Industry Exercise, the CCO conducted training sessions during March in Auckland, Wellington and New Plymouth. A *Participant's Brief* which provides details of the exercise and how to participate can also be found on the CCO website.

The latest Combined Large Consumer & Retailer Update Template is also available on OATIS at the same place as the CCMP. (This is the template that large consumers and retailers should use to send to TSO to advise them of their curtailment progress).

Consumer Switching numbers for March 2017 available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording [gas consumer switching numbers for March 2017](#) are available. There were 4,624 customer switches completed during March. This was 707 more switches in March than in February 2017, and 196 more than March 2016.

Switching rates have been over 18% for more than two years. Switching times have fallen markedly in the past two years. At the start of 2015, switches took a little over six days, on average. It now takes an average of two business days for a switch to be completed.

Save the date - Upcoming GTAC workshop.

Please save space in your diaries if you wish to attend the next Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) Workshop.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday 17 May at Gas Industry Co's office from 10am to 2.00pm. Further details and an invitation to register for the workshop will be provided in our next News Bulletin.

Information relating to the GTAC work to date can be found [here](#).

Energy Trader Forum's quarterly meetings.

Gas Industry Co is a sponsor of Freeman Media's Energy Trader Forum. The Forum meets quarterly with its next meeting being held in Auckland on Wednesday 10 May from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. The Forum is free, and is open to energy buyers and sellers who are generators, retailers, or large energy consumers.

If you want to attend the May meeting, please email trader@freemanmedia.co.nz, or visit their website [here](#) to see the agenda, or to find out about future meeting dates.

Business Energy Council's Deep Dive report.

The BusinessNZ Energy Council (BEC) has released the second in its series of reports on energy scenarios to 2050. The report *BEC 2050: A deep dive into the New Zealand energy and transport sector emissions* (deep dive) builds on a framework developed as an aid to policy makers and businesses and will help focus future effort to shape New Zealand's energy agenda and establish balanced energy policy settings.

Gas Industry Co is a project partner of BEC's latest deep-dive report. The report can be found on BEC's website [here](#).

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