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### Gas Industry Co's GTAC assessment process is now underway

On 8 December 2017, First Gas Limited (First Gas) submitted a proposed Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) to Gas Industry Co to assess under clause 22.16(b) of the Maui Pipeline Operating Code (MPOC). One of the conditions for commencement of the proposed GTAC is Gas Industry Co publishing a determination that the proposed GTAC is "materially better" than the current terms and conditions for access to and use of gas transmission pipelines.

The GTAC development process began in August 2016 and since then First Gas and GTAC stakeholders have engaged in intensive discussions on the form and content of new gas transmission access arrangements. Regardless of the outcome of our assessment of the GTAC, we commend First Gas and stakeholders for the commitment they have made to this work, their enthusiasm, good will and tenacity.

### The assessment process

The original process that we published as part of our document titled [\*Gas Industry Co's proposed approach to GTAC assessment\*](#) contemplated Gas Industry Co undertaking a preliminary assessment (termed a "draft determination" in the MPOC) of the GTAC and releasing that assessment for consultation. That process assumed that both Gas Industry Co and stakeholders would be very familiar with the proposed GTAC submitted to Gas Industry Co for assessment. Following First Gas's submission of the proposed GTAC to Gas Industry Co, we have assessed the extent to which our original expectation is correct.

The GTAC submitted to Gas Industry Co on 8 December 2017 develops on previous versions of the GTAC that have been subject to consultation with stakeholders. However, it does contain a number of changes from the Second Revised Draft GTAC that was subject to discussion at recent industry workshops. In that context, we think that Gas Industry Co's preliminary assessment would benefit from hearing if stakeholders consider that this final draft is "materially better" than the current terms and conditions for access to and use of gas transmission pipelines.

Accordingly, the following will be the process for the purpose of 22.16(b) of the MPOC:

Process	Date
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Stakeholders provide submissions to Gas Industry Co on the final GTAC submitted to Gas Industry Co on 8 December 2017	Monday, 15 January 2018
Gas Industry Co issues its preliminary assessment of the new GTAC for consultation with stakeholders	Friday, 2 February 2018
Stakeholders provide submissions to Gas Industry Co on the preliminary assessment of the new GTAC	Friday, 2 March 2018
Gas Industry Co issues its final assessment (termed a "final determination" in the MPOC)	Friday, 23 March 2018

Following tomorrow's GTAC workshop, we will confirm our invitation for stakeholders to make submissions on the final GTAC.

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

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