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Request for further consultation on the draft GTAC.

At the recent 15 September 2017 Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) workshop, several stakeholders requested a further opportunity to mark-up the draft GTAC. First Gas has reflected on the GTAC development process, and has provided a revised engagement approach for the draft GTAC available [here](#), with changes from the previous process highlighted in red.

The key points to note are as follows:

- First Gas is still asking for stakeholder mark-ups and submissions on the revised draft GTAC by 9 October 2017.
- First Gas has factored in a further opportunity for stakeholders to provide mark-ups on a second revised draft GTAC and it expects these final mark-ups to focus on how it has responded to the first round of mark-ups, and to incorporate any changes proposed through parties' legal review of the draft GTAC
- This additional round of mark-ups pushes out the date for First Gas to submit the GTAC to the Gas Industry Co for its review to 8 December 2017.
- The Gas Industry Co now aims to release its preliminary assessment of the draft GTAC prior to the Christmas/New Year break, and to give parties until 23 February 2018 to provide submissions on that preliminary assessment.

First Gas is also running a competitive procurement process to select an IT system that will manage GTAC transactions. This process is proceeding over the coming months, in parallel with the process of finalising the GTAC itself. First Gas expects this procurement process to provide a clearer picture of IT implementation timeframes and risks, and will update stakeholders on that process over the coming months. The timeframes for IT contracting and implementation will allow First Gas to consider whether it needs to change its proposed GTAC 'go live' date of 1 October 2018.

As noted in the revised engagement approach for the draft GTAC, First Gas will be holding two focused sessions over the coming weeks. Please RSVP for either or both of these focused discussions accordingly below.

FOCUS SESSION on CURTAILMENT (section 9)

Venue	Maui Room, Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
Date	Thursday, 21 September 2017
Time	9.00am to 1.00pm (coffee and tea will be available) Please respond to Alison O'Connor by 20 September 2017
Teleconference	Please respond to Alison O'Connor by 20 September 2017 Please dial 08 30 32 , and use the Guest Pin 199285

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: Report on how Gas Industry Co would perform a GTAC Change Request role.

Gas Industry Co is consulting on a Report that sets out how it would perform a GTAC Change Request role, should the final version of the GTAC provide for it. Submissions on the Report are invited by **5.00pm Friday 22 September 2017** and can be made [here](#).

The code change provisions of the Gas Transmission Access Code (GTAC) were discussed at the GTAC workshops on 24/25 August. The current draft GTAC assigns a code change role to Gas Industry Co: to consult on proposed changes and make a recommendation to First Gas supporting or not supporting the proposal. In particular, following preliminary discussions on the proposed change between First Gas and holders of TSAs and ICAs, the Change Requestor would submit a Change Request to Gas Industry Co to consult on and make a recommendation to First Gas supporting, or not supporting, the proposal.

Gas Industry Co offered to set out how it would perform this role, as an aid to further stakeholder discussion on the GTAC change process.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this Bulletin, please contact us at info@gasindustry.co.nz or 04-4721800

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