

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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Changed process for engagement on draft *GTAC*

Following requests from stakeholders, First Gas has adjusted the proposed steps for engaging on the draft Gas Transmission Access Code (*GTAC*). Please refer to the updated timetable below. The new arrangements replace those advised in our earlier News Bulletin of 2 August 2017.

Date	Milestone
Thursday, 10 August	Draft <i>GTAC</i> released
Thursday 17 August (10.00am – 4.00pm)	Workshop in Wellington to discuss draft <i>GTAC</i> and talk through purpose and content of each section. This session will be facilitated by Toby Stevenson from Sapere
Thursday 24 August & Friday 25 August (10.00am – 4.00pm)	Workshop in Wellington for parties to ask First Gas questions and provide initial comments on the draft <i>GTAC</i> . This session will be facilitated by Toby Stevenson from Sapere.
Thursday, 31 August (2.00 - 4.00pm)	Teleconference to discuss questions submitted since 25 August
Friday, 8 September	Revised draft <i>GTAC</i> released for mark-ups and submissions
Friday, 6 October	Mark-ups and submissions on revised draft <i>GTAC</i> due

Workshops referred to above will be held at the GIC's offices (Maui Room). If you wish to attend the workshops or participate by teleconference, please RSVP accordingly as detailed below.

WORKSHOP DETAILS	
Venue	Maui Room, Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington
Date	Thursday 17 August, Thursday 24 August, & Friday 25 August 2017
Time	10.00am to 4.00pm (a light lunch will be available at all three workshops)

31 August Teleconference	RSVP to Alison O'Connor (by 5.00pm, Monday 14 August 2017)
Attend Workshop	RSVP to Alison O'Connor (by 5.00pm, Monday 14 August 2017)

Customer switching numbers for July 2017 available.

The Gas Registry statistics recording gas consumer switching numbers for July 2017 are available [here](#). The month recorded 4,532 completed customer switches - 89 more switches than in June 2017, and 226 more than July 2016.

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.

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