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Dear Stakeholders

Options for Consumer Contract Arrangements for the New Zealand Gas Industry Consultation Paper

In the Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance, dated October 2004, the Minister of Energy invited the Gas Industry Co to recommend arrangements for the development of model contract terms and conditions between consumer and retailers.

The Gas Industry Co has prepared a consultation paper titled: Options for Consumer Contract Arrangements. The consultation document can be downloaded from the Gas Industry Co's website: www.gasindustry.co.nz.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we are currently seeking input from stakeholders on the Model Contracts Working Group's draft model contract guidelines, the options for giving effect to the guidelines and the Gas Industry Co's recommended option.

The Gas Industry Co invites submissions on the proposal by **5 pm on 12 December 2005**. Please note that submissions received after this date may not be able to be considered.

Should you have any questions about the consultation document, please contact Nicki Lau Young on telephone: 04 494 2465 or email: nicki.lauyoung@gasindustry.co.nz. In addition, please contact us if you have any difficulty downloading the document and we will send you out a hard copy.

Yours sincerely
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