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Rt Hon Jim Bolger
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Dear Mr Bolger

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September 2010 regarding Gas Industry Company's recommendation on transmission pipeline balancing.

I would like to start by acknowledging the exhaustive process and considerable work undertaken by Gas Industry Company to get to this point.

I agree that the most appropriate action at this point is for Gas Industry Company to defer making a formal recommendation on balancing at present and instead adopt a 'wait and watch' approach. I also agree that industry balancing arrangements should then be reviewed again at an interval of around one year, say by February 2012.

Thank you again for the considerable work by Gas Industry Company on this difficult issue.

Yours sincerely

Hon Pansy Wong
Associate Minister of Energy and Resources