

Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008 (Exemption DR08-03-T: Seasonal Adjustment Daily Shape Values) Notice 2008

Pursuant to rule 81 of the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008, Gas Industry Company Limited ("Gas Industry Co"), as the industry body appointed pursuant to s43ZL of the Gas Act 1992, gives the following notice.

Notice

1. Title and commencement

- (a) This notice is the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008 (Exemption DR08-03-T: Seasonal Adjustment Daily Shape Values) Notice 2008.
- (b) This notice comes into force on the day after the date of this notice.

2. Interpretation

- (a) In this notice, Rules means the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008 made by the Minister of Energy under sections 43F, 43Q and 43S of the Gas Act 1992 by notice published in the New Zealand Gazette, as may be amended from time to time.
- (b) Any term that is defined in the Rules and used, but not defined, in this notice has the same meaning as in the Rules.

3. Transitional Exemption

Nova Gas Limited, The Auckland Gas Company Limited, and Bay of Plenty Energy Limited are granted a transitional exemption under rule 81 from using the methodology in rule 35.2 for the calculation of seasonal adjustment daily shape values subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The exemption shall only apply for the generation of consumption information for the interim allocations related to the October, November and December 2008 consumption periods. Interim allocation consumption information for these months is due to be provided in February, March and April 2009 respectively.
- (b) In relation to the consumption periods exempted from rule 35.2, historic estimates will be calculated by applying a pro-rated or flat shape basis using the number of days in each consumption period as if the seasonal adjustment daily shape values were not available.

4. Reasons for granting the transitional exemption

The reasons for granting the transitional exemption are:

- (a) Nova Gas Limited, The Auckland Gas Company Limited, and Bay of Plenty Energy Limited have satisfactorily demonstrated an inability to comply with rule 35.2 until necessary system changes can be made.
- (b) The alternative approach to be adopted is a satisfactory short term substitute.
- (c) The length of time for which the exemption is granted will not result in significant and unfair impacts on other retailers.

DATED at Wellington this 17th day of September 2008.

For and on behalf of Gas Industry Company Limited:

RT HON JAMES BOLGER, O.N.Z, Chair.