Insolvent Retailers Working Group: Meeting 1

Date: Wednesday 16th October 2013

Time: 11.00 to 13:10 (morning tea at the start of the meeting)

Venue: Gas Industry Co, Level 8, The Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington

Agenda

	Item	Time
1	**Welcome and introduction**	**11:00**
	Gas Industry Co opens the meeting; introductions.	
	Gas Industry Co's General Manager Operations, Ian Dempster welcomes members and provides an overview of the IRWG in the context of Gas Industry Co's overall work programme and the Gas Act.	
2	**Terms of reference**	**11:30**
	This session provides an opportunity to gain a common understanding of the IRWG's role, its relationship with Gas Industry Co and under what governance framework and objectives it will operate.	
	Members are encouraged to seek clarification if needed on the terms of reference and governance framework during this session.	

Relevant material:

- *Terms of Reference: IRWG*
- *Insolvent Retailers Regulations – Recommendation to the Minister[1]*
- *Response from Minister of Energy and Resources[2]*

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[1] available here
[2] available here

3   **Issues raised in consultation relevant to IRWG**   **11:45**

- methods for identifying and managing orphan customers, eg comprehensive auditing of all inactive and vacant sites

- dual fuel retailer insolvency

- other relevant issues to be raised by IRWG members

4   **Introduction to framework for backstop regulations**   **12:30**

A discussion on initial thinking for rules drafting. Members to consider other models that might be better than the simple transfer scheme in the 2010 regulations

Building blocks of the regulations to be discussed:

- system for transferring customer contacts

- effect of transfer on customers

- information to be provided after transfer time

- transmission capacity

Relevant material:

- *Gas Governance (Insolvent Retailers) Regulations 2010 - Statement of Proposal, Appendix 2: Gas Governance (Insolvent Retailers) Regulations 2010[3]*

5   **Wrap-up and Next Steps**.   **13:00**

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