

GTAC Workshop minutes 4 September 2018  
At the offices of Gas Industry Company Limited  
Level 8, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington

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Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 10:00 am

Note: these minutes provide a high level record of the position reached and points raised at the workshop to inform First Gas's design of the gas transmission access code (GTAC).

The workshop between 4 – 6 September was a "page turn" of the GTAC. These minutes record the key positions reached and points raised rather than detailed drafting comments.

## **1. Process matters**

### **1.1 Position reached**

- 1.1.1 Gas Industry Co to extend the timeframe for stakeholders to provide comments on the minutes of the 22-23 August workshop.

## **2. Definitions**

### **2.1 Position reached**

- 2.1.1 First Gas to amend the definition of an Agreed Hourly Profile (AHP) to include reference to a "Receipt Point" (the reference to transmission capacity does not work in the context of a RP).
- 2.1.2 First Gas to amend the definition of a "Bi-directional Point" to address the situation where a point may be either an RP or DP at particular times.
- 2.1.3 First Gas would not incorporate references to standard operating procedures into the GTAC, but the GTAC would include references to Interconnection Policy and Supplementary Agreement Policy.
- 2.1.4 First Gas to amend the definition of "Physical MHQ" so that the definition contemplates multiple shippers at a DP (the definition of an Hourly Delivery Quantity applies to just one shipper).
- 2.1.5 First Gas to amend the definition of "Daily Underrun Charge" to make Interruptible Agreements subject to those charges and ensure that there is no gap for a credit receivable.
- 2.1.6 First Gas to revisit the definition of "Running Mismatch Tolerance" to apportion Line Pack Tolerance (LPT) received between shippers and OBA parties and change the period for determination of the arithmetic average from 10 to 14 days.

### **2.2 Points raised**

- 2.1.7 First Gas to consider whether an "Emergency" or "Force Majeure" under a TSA or ICA is treated as an emergency for other RPs and DPs.
- 2.1.8 First Gas to consider the extent to which a peaking party can be subject to an Hourly Overrun Charge.

### **3. Transmission Services**

- 3.1.1 No matters require further action.

### **4. Transmission products and zones**

#### **4.1 Positions reached**

- 3.1.1 First Gas to change the notice period for a scheduled PR auction from 10 Business Days to 20 Business day with provision for a shorter notice period if required in the circumstances.
- 3.1.2 First Gas to remove the reference to approval of an AHP being subject to a shipper's request for DNC in the same nominations cycle.
- 3.1.3 First Gas to amend s 3.28(e) so that the dominant criteria for determining a peaking party is the impact on the system with First Gas having regard to the specific criteria listed in (a) to (d).
- 3.1.4 First Gas to add a reference to maintaining Target Taranaki Pressure (TTP) to s 3.31(e) to address concerns around the interrelationship between Acceptable Line Pack and TTP.
- 3.1.5 First Gas to give notice to a peaking party when it ceases to be a peaking party for the purpose of the GTAC.

#### **4.2 Points raised**

- 3.2.1 First Gas to consider whether a shipper can be exposed to both Hourly Overtime Charges and peaking charges.

### **5. Nominations**

#### **5.1 Position reached**

- 4.1.1 First Gas to amend the deemed flow provisions (s 4.16) to make a RP subject to section 4.16(a).
- 4.1.2 The wording in GTAC s 4.16 (deemed flow) will be amended so that it is permissive to address concerns that Interconnected Party (IP) approval will be overlooked.
- 4.1.3 First Gas to amend GTAC s 4.19 to provide it with the ability to call an Extra ID cycle with a request from a shipper or an IP.
- 4.1.4 First Gas to amend the provisions regarding auto nominations for allocation group 4 and 6 customers to provide the ability for a shipper to opt out of the auto nominations scheme.

#### **5.2 Points raised**

- 4.2.1 First Gas to consider stakeholder concerns regarding publication of the report on the circumstances which led to the request for an Extra ID Cycle and the explanation of the need for an Extra ID cycle (GTAC ss 4.19 and 4.21).

- 4.2.2 Gas Industry Co to discuss with First Gas the information held by the Allocation Agent in relation to customers in allocation groups 4 and 6 and the extent to which that information can be used for the purpose of s 4.24.

## **6. Energy Quantity Determination**

- 3.1.2 No matters require further action.

## **7. Energy Allocations**

### **7.1 Position reached**

- 7.1.1 First Gas is to amend s 6.14 of the GTAC to provide that a shipper has to cease to be a party to an allocation agreement when it does not have a gas contract and a new shipper is permitted to become a party to the allocation agreement if the new shipper has a contract to supply gas.

### **7.2 Points raised**

- 7.2.1 First Gas to consider the possibility that shippers may constrain interconnected parties by not entering into a GTA.