

GTAC Workshop minutes 18 September 2018
At the offices of Gas Industry Company Limited
Level 8, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington

Tuesday 18 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).

1. Metering Requirements

1.1 Position reached

- 1.1.1 First Gas to provide further information for finalising the metering requirements document following the feedback received from stakeholders.

1.2 Points raised

- 1.2.1 First Gas to check that the requirements in relation to bi-directional receipt points and delivery points mesh.
- 1.2.2 First Gas to reconsider elements of the metering requirements that go beyond European Standard BS EN 1776:2015. First Gas is to consider whether the additional requirements are too onerous for small stations and the possibility of introducing appropriate thresholds. In particular, First Gas is to liaise with TAG regarding its requirements.
- 1.3 Stakeholders to consider whether they support Greymouth's view that First Gas should measure and publish the gas specification at the downstream gas gates. Comments should identify any additional value from publication of that information.
- 1.4 First Gas to reconsider the requirement that all gas should pass through a filter/separator that removes 99.9% of contaminants greater than 3 microns.

2. Balancing SOP

2.2. Points raised

- 2.2.1 First Gas to consider whether the processes in the Balancing SOP can be expressed in flow charts like the current SOP under the MPOC.
- 2.2.2 First Gas to consider whether it can provide more precise wording in the Balancing SOP, having regard to First Gas's need for discretion but also the need to ensure that the procedures are clear for operational staff.

3. Curtailment SOP

3.1 Position reached

- 3.2.1 First Gas to ensure that the curtailment SOP is clear that any shut-down profile that First Gas grants does not apply if a critical contingency event is declared under the CCM Regulations.

3.2 Points raised

- 3.2.2 First Gas to consider whether it can provide more precise wording in the Curtailment SoP in relation to the options that First Gas can take to make operational curtailments.
- 3.2.3 First Gas to consider the point in time at which Running Mismatch is measured.
- 3.2.4 First Gas to consider the situation where it issues an operational flow order (OFO) to a party without an operational balancing agreement (OBA) and the flow on effect to a shipper.

4. Transitional Arrangements

4.1 Points raised

- 4.2.1 First Gas to consider whether it is appropriate for the indemnity that shippers provide to First Gas under the MBB D+1 agreement to continue under the GTAC framework.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Position reached

- 5.1.1 First Gas to provide stakeholders with a timeframe for comments on the SOPs.