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This Gas Industry Co bulletin is bringing you an update on our newly appointed Critical Contingency Operator, Plant and Platform Limited.

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Plant and Platform Limited appointed as Critical Contingency Operator

New Plymouth-based Plant and Platform Limited has been appointed Critical Contingency Operator under the Gas (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008 (Regulations).

The appointment takes effect from 1 March 2022, following a hand-over from the current Critical Contingency Operator. The existing Critical Contingency Operator, Core Group, continues in the role until then.

The CCO determines and declares the onset of a Critical Contingency, calls for load curtailment as required to balance the system, continuously monitors the supply/demand balance and adjusts load curtailment directions, and determines when it is safe to terminate a Critical Contingency.

The CCO also maintains a website of publicly available information that is updated during a critical contingency.

Hand over arrangements will include the transfer of information, including historical loads, curtailment bands, and deferred curtailment arrangements.

Plant and Platform will test communication arrangements during the handover. Industry stakeholders will be requested to participate. A familiarisation session will introduce Plant and Platform early next year.

Gas Industry Co chief executive Andrew Knight thanked all the participants in the tender process and also Core Group for its eight years in the role.

“Core Group has done an excellent job. In particular, its work managing the Pohokura Production Station (PPS) unplanned outage in 2016 and the System Imbalance Event in 2017 was commendable.”

Plant and Platform is a multi-disciplined engineering company employing 50 staff. It operates under a Bureau Veritas ISO 9001-2008 accredited Quality System.

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