

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Stakeholders  
 FROM: First Gas  
 DATE: 11 September 2018  
 RE: GTAC Workshop Plan – Revised Following Block 4

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Following continued stakeholder input to the GTAC process, we remain on target to submit the GTAC to the GIC for assessment at the end of October 2018. The effort put in by all parties over the past few months has allowed us to work through the issues identified in the GIC’s first assessment of the GTAC, while preserving the option of a go live date of 1 October 2019 if the revised GTAC receives a positive assessment. Following on from the Drafting Workshop on 4 to 6 September this memo sets out the remaining steps in the GTAC development programme through to submission to the GIC.

### Timeline overview

An overview of the proposed timeline of meetings and submissions is provided in the table below. We have inserted two additional workshops into this timeline:

- GTAC draft release workshop on Tuesday, 25 September 10am to 1pm to discuss the GTAC with stakeholders prior to parties making submissions to First Gas. This will allow us to clarify any questions about GTAC provisions with stakeholders to inform their submissions.
- GTAC draft submissions workshop on Tuesday, 16 October 10am to 3pm to discuss stakeholder submissions on the GTAC. This will help to ensure that we fully understand the submissions and incorporate any required changes into the GTAC that will be submitted to the GIC.

At all times we remain open to discuss GTAC provisions with stakeholders to ensure we have a common understanding of both the GTAC terms and stakeholder concerns. While this will never realistically result in complete agreement among all parties, we believe that following an open, consultative process allows areas of disagreement and difference to be clear.

An outline of the remaining workshops on 18 and 19 September on supporting materials has been included in this document.

Item	Timing
Release GTAC draft for stakeholder consultation	12 September
<b>Workshop Block 5</b>	18 – 19 September
• Workstream 6 – Supporting Arrangements (6.1 – 6.5)	
GTAC draft release workshop	25 September
Submissions due on GTAC draft	3 October
GTAC draft submissions workshop	16 October
Submit GTAC to GIC	31 October
GIC Preliminary Assessment Paper (PAP) Released	Early December
Consultation on the PAP ends	Mid-January
GIC Final Assessment Paper Released	End-February

First Gas is issuing the GTAC draft for consultation with this document and looks forward to your feedback. The following documents have been released for information:

- Mark-up of GTAC against the version released on 8 December 2017
- Guide to 2018 changes to the GTAC
- Receipt Point and Delivery Point ICAs
- Draft Balancing SOP
- Draft Metering Requirements

We look forward to receiving your submissions on the GTAC. **In addition to feedback on the changes made to the GTAC during 2018, we are asking for stakeholder views on whether the GTAC is ready to be submitted to GIC based on the improvements identified in the FAP.**

This will help us to understand whether we are likely to meet the materially better standard at this time, or whether further work is needed. In providing your feedback on the revised GTAC, we would like to understand stakeholder views on the following points in particular:

- Are there any issues with workability from the changes that need to be resolved?
- Are there any areas where insufficient clarity on how the code functions creates an unacceptable level of risk to your business?
- Have we closed out the issues raised in the FAP that we agreed to address?

As the GIC is able to review stakeholder submissions on First Gas's consultation, the GIC will not be consulting separately on the GTAC prior to preparing its Preliminary Assessment. Your submission may also provide feedback on the document for the benefit of GIC's MPOC s22.16(b) assessment. In particular, GIC would welcome the following information:

1. Aside from matters covered in your feedback to First Gas on the GTAC draft, if there are any elements of the proposed arrangements that you think require particular attention in Gas Industry Co's assessment, can you please explain what these are and why they are relevant.
2. Stakeholders are familiar with the methodology we used to analyse the 8 December 2017 GTAC (broadly the three step; top-down, bottom-up and holistic approach), but if there are any aspects of the analysis you think could be improved, we would like to hear your suggestions, including why these are relevant to MPOC s22.16(b).

We understand that there may be issues on which there are, and will continue to be, disagreement. There may also be findings of the FAP you don't agree with. You are welcome to raise these issues, however we would like to separate those issues from whether we have addressed the findings of the FAP in making your submission. These issues may be best raised in your responses to the GIC's questions above.

**Submission on the GTAC can be made through the GIC website. Submissions are due by 03 October 2018.**

**Workshop Block 5: 18 – 19 September**

**Location: Wellington**

**Tuesday 18 September (10am – 5pm)**

		Objectives	Supporting Material	Indicative Timing
<b>Workstream 6 - Supporting Arrangements</b>				
6.1	Metering Requirements	Present Metering Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metering Requirements</li> </ul>	10am – 12pm
<b>Lunch</b>				
6.2	Balancing SOP	Present Balancing SOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing SOP</li> <li>Curtailement SOP</li> </ul>	12:30 – 3pm
6.5	Transitional Arrangements	Present proposed plan for transitional arrangements	Transitional Arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block 1 Outputs – 11 Transitional Arrangements</li> <li>Bell Gully Wash-up memo</li> </ul>	3 - 5pm

**Wednesday 19 September (9am – 3pm)**

		Objectives	Supporting Material	Indicative Timing
<b>Workstream 6 - Supporting Arrangements</b>				
6.4	PR Auction Terms Scoping	Present scope of PR Auction Terms	PR Auction Terms Scoping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will be in the Auction T&amp;Cs</li> <li>Presentation from emsTradepoint on FTR market design experience.</li> </ul>	9am - 12pm
<b>Lunch</b>				
	EMS Tradepoint Arrangements	Present proposed arrangements with EMS Tradepoint		1 - 3pm