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Season's Greetings.

Gas Industry Company wishes you all the best for the holiday season, and a prosperous 2021.

IN THIS BULLETIN:

- Our summary of **gas availability in 2021**.
- **We want your views** about:
 - Our upcoming work programme and levy.
 - Our draft statement of proposal for disclosing information about gas production and storage outages.

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- Latest switching numbers.
- Progress on our look at extending the Electricity Price Review's recommendations to the gas industry.
- Read our Briefing to the Incoming Minister.
- Holiday office hours.

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2021 Gas Availability

Gas Industry Company commends the Pohokura field joint venture for early disclosure that the field will produce significantly less gas in 2021 than its peak production rates.

Disclosure about long term field performance went above and beyond Code requirements to announce short term outages. The announcement provides markets with considerable forward notice to prepare for the 2021 forecast reduced volumes.

Gas Industry Co has engaged closely with industry and government over 2021 gas availability. Some industrial users have indicated they are experiencing a tighter market and commercial conditions reflect that. We continue to monitor gas availability and market responses.

Some field development was impacted by covid-19, but we have noted that producers continue to invest in developing additional production, which provides medium-term confidence for supply conditions.

828 more customer switches in November than a year ago

4,352 customers completed switches during November 2020.

Customer switches were up by 23 from October, and up ****828**** from November last year.

Switching Trends

On average, 3,769 customers switched each month over the past year.

Switches took an average of two days to complete.

The highest number of customers switched in July: 4,965.

The fewest switched in April: 1,760.

Find out more

Switching numbers are available in the Gas Registry [here](#).

Your Views: Gas Industry Co FY2022 Work Programme and Levy Consultation Paper

Our planned work programme for FY2022, and the levy that industry participants will pay, is out for consultation.

You can read it [here](#).

Our industry self-regulatory model depends on industry participants having a say about our plans. We held an industry forum in November, and the work programme reflects the priorities discussed there.

Industry submissions are requested by Friday 5 February 2021.

Electricity Price Review

Gas Industry Co received an excellent response to its consultation on *Extending the Electricity Price Review's Final Recommendations to the Gas Market*, with 15 submissions received.

Gas Industry Co intends to publish its final recommendations in respect of this consultation process in early 2021.

You can read the submissions [here](#).

Draft Statement of Proposal for Production & Storage Facility Outage Information

Our *Draft Statement of Proposal: Gas Production and Storage Facility Outage Information* consultation is out for consultation.

The paper sets out a draft Statement of Proposal for the disclosure of gas production and storage facility outage information and seeks parties' views on the various matters included in the assessment. These views will be used to inform the development of the final Statement of Proposal.

You can read it [here](#).

Gas Industry Co 2020 Briefing to Incoming Minister

Gas Industry Company's 2020 BIM is now available on our website [here](#).

The BIM provides a quick overview of the industry and our role as co-regulator.

Wellington and Auckland Anniversary Days 2021

Gas Industry Co has determined that the following regional anniversary days in 2021 are non-business days under the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008:

- Wellington Anniversary Day, observed on Monday 25 January 2021
- Auckland Anniversary Day, observed on Monday 1 February 2021

Office Hours over the Summer Break

Our offices are closed from Thursday 24 December, reopening on Monday 11 January 2021.

Thanks to all for your support during the year on Covid matters, we remain prepared during the holiday period to respond to any urgent queries or situations if required.

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