



## Update - August 2007

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### ***Outage and Contingency Management***

Industry members have requested Gas Industry Co to develop mandatory arrangements to replace the voluntary National Gas Outage Contingency Plan. A Statement of Proposal was released which puts forward replacement arrangements which are a combination of Regulations under the Gas Act and industry-developed arrangements to meet the requirements of those Regulations.

Submissions on the Proposal are sought by 5:00 pm on Friday, 14 September 2007.

To view the Proposal please click [here](#).

To assist stakeholders in making submissions, Gas Industry Co proposes to hold an open forum which will primarily focus on the Regulations found within the Proposal. The forum will be held on Thursday, 23 August 2007 commencing at 9:30 am and is expected to finish by mid-day.

If you wish to attend the forum please register your interest by clicking [here](#).

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### ***Transmission Access***

As part of its ongoing transmission access review, Gas Industry Co will release an update paper early in August. This paper, entitled Transmission Access Framework - Progress Towards a Statement of Proposal, will keep interested parties abreast of Gas Industry Co's work in this area. In particular it will set out the processes it is considering for changing and enforcing rules and multi-lateral arrangements (Codes and Procedures). The paper will also present the findings of a consultant's draft report on access principles applicable to overseas transmission pipelines.

This material will also be presented at a seminar later in the month. The details are:

Venue: Gas Industry Co, 1 Willis Street, Wellington

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2007

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Registration for this seminar can be done via our website once the paper has been released.

It is expected that a consultation paper will be released in September which will describe the policy development process which Gas Industry Co has followed and set out the transmission access requirements in a set of draft rules. Following consultation, Gas Industry Co expects to develop a final set of rules which would then be recommended to the Minister.

## ***Coming up***

Gas Industry Co anticipates publishing the following consultation papers in the coming months:

- Statement of Proposal on Allocation and Reconciliation of Downstream Gas Quantities
- Transmission Access Framework - Progress Towards a Statement of Proposal
- Statement of Proposal on Transmission Access Framework

Further details will be provided in future updates as these documents are released for consultation.

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## ***Diary Dates***

- National Gas Outage Contingency Plan Open Forum – 23 August 2007 at 9:30am
- Transmission Access Seminar – 29 August 2007 at 2:00pm
- National Gas Outage Contingency Plan Submissions to Statement of Proposal due – 14 September 2007
- Industry Conference – 3 October 2007
- AGM – 25 October 2007