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Mr Peter Alsop
Manager Network Performance
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By email to gaspipelinesinquiry@comcom.govt.nz

Dear Peter

Comments on Gas Control Inquiry process

MEUG has two comments on the proposed process circulated 30 May:

- An opportunity for written cross-submissions after the September 2003 and May/June 2004 conferences would be helpful; otherwise parties seeking to correct or rebut statements by others will have to rely on ad hoc approaches to the Commission.
- The Government Policy Statement "Development of New Zealand's Gas Industry" (GPS) of 27 March 2003 proposes several policies that will affect the industry. The details of those policies and how the behaviour of gas pipeline owners might change will not be known until closer to the date the Commission must report back to the Minister, ie 1 November 2004. It may therefore be useful to either have the March 2004 draft report and subsequent conference process later to take into account progress on implementing the GPS, or add in a short update draft report and feedback process nearer November 2004.

Yours sincerely

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