

# Key Documents Enabling Competition

## Legislative framework

Gas Act

Commerce Act

Information Disclosure Regulations

## Self Regulatory Codes, disclosures and protocols

### New Zealand Pipeline Access Code

Establishes minimum standards of service, disclosure (beyond legislative requirements) and behaviour for pipeline owners. Also gives users pre-contractual rights and access to low-cost dispute resolution. The objective of the code is to promote non-discriminatory access to transport systems.

### Reconciliation Code

Defines the processes, procedure and timetable for reconciliation of gas quantities between retailers at shared Points of Transfer.

Also sets out the rights, roles and obligations of Allocation Agents, Auditors and the National Allocation Group.

### Information Memoranda

Where pipeline owners set out the mechanics of their access regimes including terms, conditions and prices.

### Confidentiality Protocols

Which describe the measures put in place by pipeline owners to meet the confidentiality and ring-fencing obligations of the Access Code.

## Contracts

### Transmission and Network Services Agreement (TSAs and NSAs)

Also known as “access agreements”, these define the term of access to the pipeline systems. They require the party seeking access (normally a retailer) to have an Allocation Agreement in place with other users of the system and an Allocation Agent.

### Allocation Agreements

Where users of a pipeline (normally retailers) share a Point of Transfer, they must be parties to an Allocation Agreement which will define how the quantities of gas measured at that location will be apportioned among the parties by the Allocation Agent.

### Gas Sale Agreements

Generally retailers will hold Gas Sale Agreements with wholesalers and with customers. Wholesale gas is usually bought at the Receipt Point onto the Transmission System. The retailer then has this gas transported under a TSA and NSA(s) to its various customers. The retailer can then bundle the various services together and sell the customer delivered gas (the extent of bundling/pricing being a matter for agreement between the retailer and its customer).