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To: Management Corporations

Dear Sirs

### **SAFETY OF GAS INSTALLATION**

It has come to our attention that some management corporations established under the Land Titles (Strata) Act (MCST) have not been properly maintaining the gas installations in their estates. We would like to bring to your attention the importance of having gas installations properly maintained to ensure gas safety. The Gas Act and the Gas (Supply) Regulations, which came into effect on 14 February 2008, set out the regulatory requirements for the safe use of piped gas. Under the legislation, MCST shall at their own expense carry out inspection, maintenance, repair or renewal of the gas installations within their respective estates from PowerGas Ltd's gas service isolation valves to the gas meters of the residents.

2. For your easy reference, we attach in Appendix 1 a diagram showing the responsibilities of the respective parties, viz PowerGas Ltd (as the gas transporter), MCST and gas consumers. The relevant provisions of the Gas Act and the Gas (Supply) Regulations are given in Appendix 2. The Act and the Regulations can be purchased from SNP Corporation Ltd at 1 Kim Seng Promenade #18-01, Great World City East Tower, Singapore 237994. The Act is also available at website <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

3. You may also wish to note that PowerGas Ltd as the gas transporter is required under the legislation to disconnect a gas installation from its gas pipeline network if the gas installation is found to be unsafe. This is to ensure safety to gas users and the public.

4. We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that the gas installations under your charge are properly inspected, maintained, repaired or renewed.

5. For enquiries, please email to [ema\\_rd\\_elise@ema.gov.sg](mailto:ema_rd_elise@ema.gov.sg) or contact Mr Chow Chin Choeng at Tel: 63767582 or Mr Too Yew Yong at Tel: 63767601.

Yours faithfully

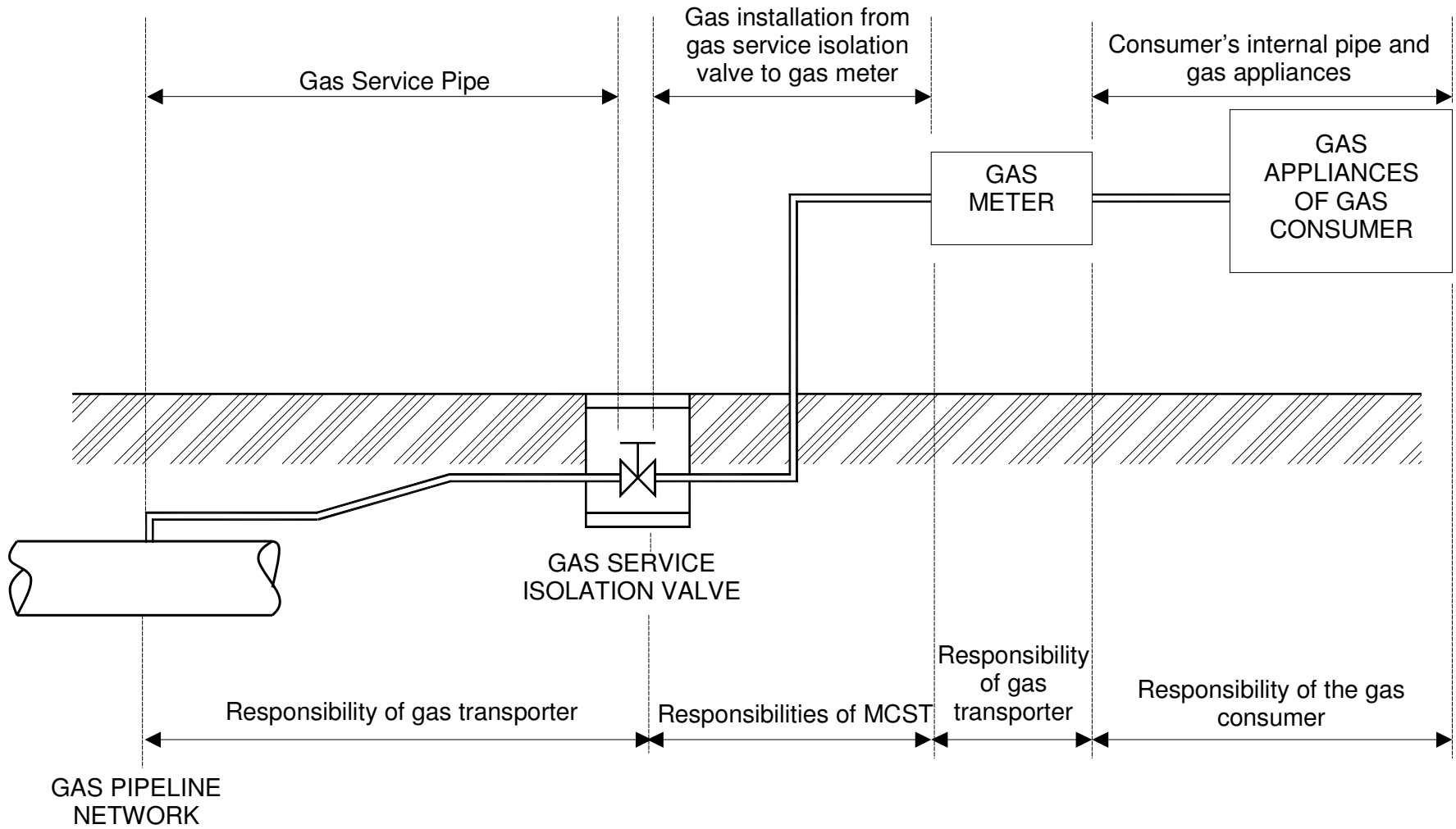
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**Responsibilities of Different Parties for Gas Pipeline and Gas Installation**



## EXTRACT FROM THE GAS ACT

The following are some of the provisions in the Gas Act for easy reference only.

### **Maintenance, etc., of gas service pipes and gas installations**

**29.** —(1) A gas transporter shall carry out any necessary work of maintenance, repair or renewal of —

(a) any part of a gas service pipe from a gas main up to a gas service isolation valve; and

(b) that gas service isolation valve,

by which gas is conveyed to a consumer's premises, whether or not the gas service pipe was supplied and laid at the gas transporter's expense.

(2) The cost of any work carried out under subsection (1) shall be paid as follows:

(a) in the case of work made necessary by any intentional or negligent act of the consumer, by the consumer if the gas transporter requires the consumer to pay; and

(b) in any other case, by the gas transporter.

(3) The Authority may, from time to time, prescribe such person or class of persons to be responsible for the inspection, maintenance, repair or renewal of any part of a gas installation or any part of a gas service pipe linking a gas service isolation valve to the gas installation.

(4) The gas transporter shall —

(a) establish and implement a programme for the carrying out of regular and periodic inspections, by the gas transporter or the person prescribed under subsection (3) as being responsible for such inspections, of any part of a gas installation or any part of a gas service pipe linking a gas service isolation valve to the gas installation; and

(b) notify the person prescribed under subsection (3) as being responsible for the maintenance, repair or renewal of that part of the gas installation or that part of the gas service pipe linking the gas service isolation valve to the gas installation, if any such work of maintenance, repair or renewal is necessary following such inspections; and such work shall be carried out at the expense of that person.

## **EXTRACT FROM THE GAS (SUPPLY) REGULATIONS**

The following are some of the provisions in the Gas (Supply) Regulations for easy reference only.

### **Definition of responsible person under Regulation 2:-**

“responsible person”, in relation to any premises, means the consumer or occupier of the premises or, where there is no consumer or occupier or the occupier is away, the owner of the premises, the management corporation constituted under the Land Titles (Strata) Act (Cap. 158) or any other person with the authority for the time being to take appropriate action in relation to any gas installation therein;

### **Responsibilities of responsible persons to inspect, etc., gas fittings in Regulation 11: -**

The responsible person for any premises shall at his own expense be responsible for the inspection, maintenance, repair or renewal of any gas fitting linking the gas service isolation valve to the meter installation.

### **Responsibilities of consumers to maintain gas appliances, etc. in Regulation 12: -**

The consumer shall at his own expense be responsible for the proper maintenance, repair or replacement of the gas appliances and the consumer's internal pipe.