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To

1. Secretary (PNGRB), New Delhi
2. Chairman & Managing Director(GAIL), New Delhi
3. Chairman & Managing Director(ONGC), New Delhi
4. Chairman & Managing Director(OIL), New Delhi
5. Chairman & Managing Director(IOCL), New Delhi
6. Chairman & Managing Director(HPCL), New Delhi
7. Chairman & Managing Director(BPCL), New Delhi
8. Managing Director, GSPC, Gujarat
9. Secretary General, ICCTAS
10. President, Reliance Industries Ltd., New Delhi
11. President, RGTIL, Mumbai
12. MD, Assam Gas Company Ltd., Dibrugarh
13. All Producers/Marketers/Transporters of Gas

Subject : Guidelines on Swapping of Natural Gas

Sir,

I am directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to say that the Ministry had issued comprehensive Guidelines on Swapping of Natural Gas on 15th March, 2012 and issued instructions on use of swapping with respect to KG-D6 gas dated 29.08.2012 for enabling swapping of gas between two parties for providing access to gas to a party which is unable to get gas due to physical constraints. These enabling guidelines are intended to invoke swapping through mutual consent clearly stating that the parties would not have to approach the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for approval in each case. The

transporter involved in swapping also has to abide by the swapping guidelines.

2. However, it is observed that many cases have come to the Ministry seeking approval for swapping of gas. In view of the provisions of the Swapping Guidelines and extant Government instructions in this regard such a reference is not required.

3. It is, therefore, reiterated that the swapping of gas should be done in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines and in the event of any disagreement, the matter may be agitated before the regulator namely, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board for resolution of dispute.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary(P&NG).

Yours faithfully,



[Arunoday Goswami]

Under Secretary to Government of India