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To,
The Secretary,
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board
1st Floor, World Trade Centre, Babar Road,
New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Comments on Public Notice Ref: No. S/Admin/197/2019, dtd. 24.07.2020

Respected Madam,

Inviting reference to subject Public Notice, soliciting views from stakeholders on proposed draft of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (**Levy of Fee and Other Charges**) **Second Amendment Regulations, 2020**", we would like to submit our views/comments/queries as follows:-

Background: Assam Gas Company Limited (AGCL), a Govt. of Assam undertaking has been in the business of collection, transportation, marketing and distribution of natural gas since the year 1965. The company transports Natural Gas through its integrated pipeline infrastructure to several market segments i.e. Power, Fertilizer, petrochemicals, Industrial, Commercial and Domestic consumers primarily located in Upper Assam.

It is pertinent to mention herein, that natural gas industry in the region is still in developing stage, however, if permitted by the PNGRB, AGCL in collaboration with other major Oil and Gas entities such Oil India Limited(OIL), Oil and Natural gas Corporation Limited(ONGCL), Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Purba Bharati Gas Pipeline Limited(PBGPL) and others would like to participate in Gas exchange formulation and activities thereunder.

Observations:

North East Region(NER) is one of the industrially backward regions of the country which is the very reason that Govt. of India in order to boost gas based industrialization gives a 60 % subsidy on sale of Administered Price Mechanism (APM) natural gas price for NER. Likewise, considering the absence of anchor customers in the region, Govt. of India has also supported the gas pipeline infrastructure development by approving a 60

% viability gap funding for the proposed 1,656-km North-East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid project.

In view of fewer bulk consumers of gas in the region, we sincerely request the Board to kindly consider giving a 60 % reduction in the Application and Other Charges Fee for seeking authorization under 9 of Gas exchange regulation of PNGRB, 2020

With details above, we humbly request the Board to consider our submissions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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(G. C. Swargiyari)
Managing Director
Assam Gas Company Limited