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To,
Ms. Vandana Sharma, Secretary
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Dear Ms. Sharma:

I wish to thank your efforts in proposing the draft amendments for an unified tariff for the National Gas Grid system.

This is a very welcome step and will further the efforts to integrate the state of West Bengal into the Natural Gas Grid map of India.

The draft amendments seek to do away with a multi-tariff regime and create only two Tariff Zones which will benefit West Bengal in the following ways:

1. Easier sourcing for RLNG requirements for refineries; petrochemical, steel and fertiliser plants; and existing and proposed city gas distribution projects in various districts of the state.
2. Enhanced availability at an economical rate from both West Coast and East Cost LNG terminals (which are at a great distance from the state).
3. Reduced pollution levels due to less use of polluting fuels given the availability of natural gas at competitive rates.

The development of a pan India gas market can only happen when additional and complex tariffs are eliminated. In addition, there should not be an abnormal increase between the Zone 1 and Zone 2 tariffs.

I will be grateful if my views are placed on record in light of the larger public consultation being undertaken by your office. As an elected public representative, I have used this opportunity to air concerns that directly affect the state of West Bengal.

With warm regards,

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