

20th October 2020

Ms. Vandana Sharma
Secretary
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board
First Floor, World Trade Centre, Babar Road
New Delhi, 110001

Subject: Draft PNGRB (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Respected Madam,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (www.bengalchamber.com); one of India's oldest institutions of its kind dating back to 1833, applauds Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board for proposing a unified tariff policy for natural gas.

We understand this will rationalize the tariffs which are now different for seven different pipeline operators and customers based on the proximity of their locations to the source. The proposed unified tariff will make natural gas, an environment friendly fuel, affordable across the length and breadth of the country. This will be a boost to raise the share of natural gas in the energy basket of the country to 15% by 2030 to bring down the carbon emission in the economy. This will also facilitate the Eastern and North Eastern parts of our country where the infrastructure is coming up.

We, therefore, support the concept of unified tariff for natural gas pipelines and we request to consider an expedited implementation for the same.

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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