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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)  
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**Sub: Views on GAIL's Proposal for "Tie-In Connectivity" from Bokaro CBM Block and Jharia CBM Block of ONGC to Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) of GAIL**

Ref.: PNGRB's Public Notice No. PNGRB/Auth/7-Misc (19)/2020 dated **11.11.2020**

Respected Madam,

We refer to the above proposal for Tie in Connectivity. Any such Tie-In Connectivity proposal or proposal for setting up of new pipeline sections may lead to expansion of capacity. As per PNGRB (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Third Amendment Regulations, 2020:

Quote

*"the Board may allow for expansion of the capacity in the natural gas pipeline, but the tariff of the pipeline so determined based on the capex, opex and volumes of expanded natural gas pipeline shall be capped at the levels of the applicable tariff based on the capex, opex and volumes of the pipeline without expansion"*

Unquote

In view of the same, we request the Hon'ble Board to confirm that the new tariff so determined based on the capex, opex and volumes of expanded gas pipeline (which could be due to tie-in connectivity or laying a new pipeline section) shall be capped at the levels of prevailing existing tariff. This clarity is very important for the pipeline entities to plan for future infrastructure investment.

Moreover, we would like to participate in the Open House Discussion, called by the Board on the comments received from other stakeholders on the aforesaid Public Notice. Accordingly, we request you to kindly send us the invitation to participate in the Open House through video conferencing.

With Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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To

The Secretary,  
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board  
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Subject: Comments on Public Consultation Document No. PNGRB/Auth/7-Misc (19)/2020 webhosted by PNGRB on 11.11.2020 regarding tie-in-connectivity by GAIL of Bokaro and Jharia CBM blocks of ONGC

Dear Madam,

This has reference to the public consultation document No. PNGRB/Auth/7-Misc (19)/2020 webhosted by PNGRB on 11.11.2020 regarding proposal/s submitted by GAIL for tie-in-connectivity of Bokaro and Jharia blocks of ONGC with its upcoming Jagdishpur – Haldia Bokaro Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL).PNGRB has solicited views of any person/entity on the proposal/s submitted by GAIL within 30 days of publication of this public notice on the PNGRB website i.e. by 11.12.2020.

In this regard, kindly find below the inputs offered by ONGC for your kind consideration:

1. ONGC has been following up with GAIL (Copy of communications enclosed) regarding production activities in its Jharia, Bokaro and North Karanpura CBM blocks in Jharkhand and requested GAIL to connect these fields with their upcoming JHBDPL for evacuation of the ONGC's CBM gas. After much persuasion, GAIL has agreed to provide tie-in-connectivity of the two CBM blocks of ONGC namely Bokaro and Jharia with its upcoming pipeline.
2. GAIL had earlier communicated to ONGC that subject to PNGRB approval the tie-in-connectivity would be established from Bokaro and Jharia to JHBDPL.
3. It is pertinent to mention though there is appreciable demand for CBM gas in the region, however, since the industries/markets are located far away from ONGC blocks, the natural resource is not able to reach the consumer/s. The tie-in connectivity of these blocks would ensure that the clean energy reaches the



consumer door-step to fulfil the energy demand of the region and make a positive impact on the industrial growth and overall economy.

4. A peak production of 0.991 MMSCMD from Bokaro and 0.869 MMSCMD from Jharia is expected. Thus, timely connection of these two blocks to the JHBDPL is of paramount importance to ONGC for early monetisation of such volumes.
5. Further, such connectivity would provide a long term marketing solution for future planned production from the field/s which could be delivered to the consumer's fence.

Hence, PNGRB may consider expeditious authorization of the tie in above connectivity.

With Best Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Sanjay Kumar) 11/12/2020

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