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Date: 02.08.2023

To

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

Respected Madam,

Subject: GAIL's Views/Comments on the Suo-Motu Proposal of PNGRB for developing Jammu-Srinagar Natural Gas Pipeline

This has reference to the PNGRB Public Notice No.: PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL (09)/2023 dated 03.07.2023 in respect of the Suo-Motu Proposal of PNGRB for developing Jammu-Srinagar Natural Gas Pipeline, soliciting views/comments from stakeholders on the same.

2. In this regard, GAIL's views/comments are enclosed as **Annexure-A**.
3. This letter has the approval of Competent Authority in GAIL.

Yours sincerely,

(Praveer Kumar Agrawal)
Chief General Manager (Mktg.-RLNG)

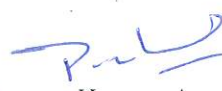
Encl.: As above

Views on the Proposal for
Jammu-Srinagar Natural Gas Pipeline

Views in respect of the Proposal		Suo-Motu Proposal of PNGRB for Jammu-Srinagar Natural Gas Pipeline
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5	Views and suggestions related to:	
a)	Natural Gas pipeline proposed	Enclosed as ANNEXURE-A
b)	Other aspects of the proposal	-
c)	Any other issue	-

Date: 02.08.2023

Place: New Delhi


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Name and Signature of Entity/ Individual Person
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1. Earlier in March 2021, MoP&NG advised GAIL to prepare a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) for Gurdaspur-Jammu-Srinagar Pipeline (GJSPL). Pursuantly, GAIL engaged M/s Engineers India Limited (EIL) to carry out Reconnaissance Survey for GJSPL route and to prepare Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR).
2. As per the DFR prepared by M/s EIL, the only possible pipeline route is along the National Highway (NH) from Jammu to Srinagar passing mainly through hilly terrain. Laying of pipeline along the aforesaid route from Jammu to Srinagar will be very challenging due to rocky & hilly terrain, tunnels, heavy traffic movement, narrow width of NH, steep slopes and high altitude. Considering these difficulties, special construction methodologies are to be evolved for traffic movement and pipeline construction works for trenching, welding, stringing in the restricted RoU of NH hilly road.
3. Further, the pipeline route is estimated to be around 325 km from Jammu to Srinagar in the corridor of National Highway*. Additionally, there are other issues such as extreme weather conditions, low productivity hours / working hours, security concerns etc. which would entail considerable high expenditure and longer execution schedule to manage these challenges.
4. Considering the above, the cost of laying pipeline from Jammu to Srinagar will be multifold in comparison to a pipeline laying of similar size in a normal terrain. Further, at present, the potential demand along the route is envisaged to be only from City Gas Distribution which means that there will be longer gestation period. Hence, in order to make the proposed Jammu – Srinagar Natural Gas Pipeline project financially viable and sustainable, suitable Viability Gap Funding (VGF) is required.

Note: * Subject to availability of permission from NHAI for pipeline laying.
