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

Respected Madam,

**Subject: Views / Comments on the Proposal for laying a Spurline to HRRL Refinery at Pachpadra, Barmer.**

This has reference to the PNGRB Public Notice no. PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL(5)/2020 dated 09.06.2020 and 15.06.2020 soliciting views / comments from entities / stakeholders in respect of a proposal received by PNGRB from GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) for laying a Spur line to HRRL Refinery at Pachpadra, Barmer.

2. In this regard, the views / comments of GAIL are enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

Submitted please.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Views / Comments on the Proposal for laying a Spurline to HRRL Refinery at Pachpadra, Barmer**

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As per the copy of letter no.: GIGL/COMM/2020 dated 09.06.2020 web hosted by PNGRB along with the aforesaid Public Notice dated 15.06.2020 the said proposal of M/s GIGL pertains to laying a 90 km x 18” spur line from Dwecha, Jalore (SV-01 Station on Barmer-Pali Pipeline) to HRRL Refinery at Pachpadra, Barmer, Rajasthan. In this regard, the views / comments of GAIL are given below:

1. PNGRB has already started the bidding process for developing the Langtala-Jodhpur-Pali Pipeline (LJPPL) with an initial system capacity of at least 5 MMSCMD and the bid submission due date is 05.08.2020. The HRRL Refinery is covered under the pipeline corridor of LJPPL which would act as one of the major demand centers for the LJPPL. This is an important factor for making the bidding attractive to prospective bidders for LJPPL.
2. As regards the intent of connecting the authorized Mehsana – Bathinda Pipeline (MBPL) with the HRRL Refinery, it may be mentioned that as per PNGRB’s bid document for LJPPL, the LJPPL is to be terminated at a suitable location in the authorized MBPL. Therefore, through LJPPL, HRRL Refinery will, in any case, be connected with the MBPL as and when it is constructed.
3. In respect of the proposed 90-kms spur-line to the HRRL Refinery from the Barmer-Pali pipeline of MBPL, the following are our observations:
  - (i) As such the 18” x 180 kms long Barmer – Pali Pipeline was not a part of the original grant of authorization of MBPL dated 07.07.2011. In this regard, the Board, vide a letter dated 05.12.2018, had stated that the authorized entity (GIGL) had gone ahead with the laying of this 180 kms long pipeline without the approval of PNGRB.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding the same, vide the said letter, PNGRB had accepted this Barmer-Pali pipeline with a condition, inter-alia, that this pipeline would be considered as a Tie-in Connectivity from RDG Barmer to GSPL’s Gujarat High Pressure Network at Palanpur.
  - (iii) The concerned regulation for authorizing a Tie-in Connectivity pipeline (i.e. a pipeline, upto max. 200 kms length, from a natural gas source like Barmer up to an entity’s Pipeline existing near the gas source) was notified with effect from 08.08.2014. Accordingly, the Barmer – Pali Pipeline, as such to have been processed under this notified regulation 21(1), including the due regulatory Public Consultation process. However, as stated above by PNGRB, that has not been the case with this 180 kms long Barmer-Pali Tie-in pipeline, with a capacity of 3 MMSCMD.

- (iv) Now, going further, a proposal has been made by GIGL for laying another 90 kms long, 3 MMSCMD capacity spur-pipeline emanating from this 180 kms long Tie-in pipeline.
- (v) Also, the capacity of the Barmer-Pali Tie-in line is 3 MMSCMD, whereas, the capacity of this 90 kms long pipeline emanating from this Tie-in line is further proposed as 3 MMSCMD. So, the capacity of Barmer-Pali tie-in line may also have to be expanded so that the proposed 90 kms long spur-line must use the capacity of the tie-in line for transporting the gas from Barmer to Pali.
- (vi) Furthermore, the MBPL was authorized by PNGRB on 07.07.2011, with the condition of commissioning the trunk-line from Mehsana to Bhatinda by 07.07.2014. However, even after about six years, the main trunk pipeline has not yet been constructed as per the terms & conditions of this authorization, and the same is under repeated time-extensions.
- (vii) Given the above, the Board may like to take a suitable view in this regard as to whether another 90 kms long spur-line can now be authorized by PNGRB to emanate from a 180 kms long Tie-in line, and whether another 3 MMSCMD capacity spur-line can further be authorized to be developed from the 3 MMSCMD capacity Tie-in line of MBPL.

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