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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

To,

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

**SUBJECT: Views/Comments on the suo-motu proposal of PNGRB for development of Natural Gas pipeline from Kochi to Thoothukudi.**

Madam,

This has reference to the Public Notice no. PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL(18)/2023 dated 15.01.2024, soliciting views / comments from stakeholders / entities on the subject suo-motu proposal of PNGRB. In this regard, the views / comments of GAIL are enclosed.

Yours Sincerely,

(Jitendra Pathak)

f CGM (Mktg.- RA &amp; Trans.)

Encl: As above

## Annexure

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1. The proposed pipeline route passes through three Geographical Areas (GA), which covers 10 districts in 2 States. These three GAs (GA ID: 10.21, 11.21 and 11.51) have been authorized by PNGRB to M/s AGP City Gas Pvt. Ltd., M/s Sholagasco and M/s IOCL, under 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> CGD Bidding Rounds in 2019 and 2022. It is envisaged that development of the proposed NG Pipeline may further accelerate penetration of natural gas in these regions.
2. During the execution of Kochi – Koottanad – Bangalore - Mangalore NG pipeline project, GAIL has faced many challenges, inter-alia, RoU issues, dense population and crossing of multiple water bodies. The possibility of encountering similar constraints may also be taken into consideration while finalizing the route.
3. Along the proposed route, the capacity utilization of the pipeline would mainly depend upon the demand from the authorized CGD entities. Further, potential demand from NTPC, Kayamkulam may be uncertain considering that it may continue to remain under reserve shutdown due to lack of scheduling of power.

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