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To,

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

**SUBJECT: Views/Comments on suo-motu proposal of PNGRB for development of Kakinada-Srikakulam Natural Gas pipeline.**

Madam,

This has reference to the Public Notice no. PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL(19)/2023 dated 08.01.2024 soliciting views / comments from entities / stakeholders on the subject suo-motu proposal of PNGRB. In this regard, the views / comments of GAIL are enclosed.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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## Annexure

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(Ref.: PNGRB Public Notice no.: PNGRB/Auth/2-NGPL(19)/2023 dated 08.01.2024)

1. The proposed pipeline would act as a main link for transporting gas from the Kakinada region towards Northern region besides acting as a connecting link between Northern and Southern region along the East Coast. Hence, development of the proposed NG Pipeline is essential and is a welcome step.
2. With respect to initial capacity of the proposed pipeline, it is submitted that the potential demand along the proposed route is not more than 4 MMSCMD. However, as the pipeline is proposed to be interconnected with four other NG pipelines i.e. GAIL's Srikakulam - Angul NG Pipeline (SAPL) & KG Basin Network (KGBN), PIL's East West NG Pipeline (EWPL) and IMC's Kakinada-Vijayawada-Nellore NG pipeline (KVNPL), there may be demand for onward transportation of gas through the proposed pipeline depending upon gas sourcing by shippers/customers. Such demand would be dynamic and would depend upon various factors. Considering these factors, the initial system capacity requirement of the proposed pipeline may be optimally decided by PNGRB.
3. Further, in order to ensure capacity utilization of SAPL and to expeditiously connect the demand centers in the Visakhapatnam region, vide letter dated 18.01.2024, GAIL has requested the PNGRB to allow GAIL to lay pipeline from Srikakulam to Visakhapatnam as a part of the SAPL. Hence, the PNGRB is requested to kindly consider the said request of GAIL and may accordingly review the proposed pipeline bidding.

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