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

**Sub.: Comments on Expression of Interest (EOI) to lay, build, operate or expand Anjar Chotila Natural Gas Pipeline from Gujarat State Petronet Limited**

Dear Madam,

This is with reference to Public Notice No PNGRB/INFRA/NGPL/ACPL/2020 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2020 in respect of subject matter, soliciting views from stakeholders on the same.

In this regard we have the following comments to offer;

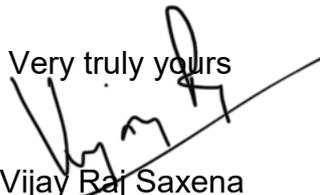
- The proposed Anjar Chotila pipeline is providing connectivity to Mundra LNG Terminal to cater to the gas markets in West & North India.
- In the event an entity is selected through tendering process for the proposed pipeline, it will make the transportation cost of gas high to the end consumers due to addition of tariff of new and existing pipelines.
- Owing to the increased cost of transportation, Mundra Terminal will not be able to compete with the existing terminals in Gujarat. This in turn would certainly affect the viability of the terminal.

Further there are upcoming LNG Regasification terminals in the state of Gujarat viz. HSEPL's Chhara LNG Terminal and Swan Energy's Jafrabad LNG Terminal. Any augmentation of pipeline capacity owing to the increased gas flows from these terminals would result in similar situation as in case of Anjar-Chotila pipeline, wherein there could be proposals for expansion of the pipelines through bidding process. Implementation of such pipeline proposals would in turn affect the viability of upcoming terminals at Chhara, Jafrabad owing to the increased transportation costs to the consumers.

View above, the Hon'ble Board should look at the possibility of asking the existing pipeline operator in that region to develop this pipeline as part of its grid, so that there is no extra tariff to the end consumers. This principle should not only to be considered for Anjar-Chotila pipeline but also for any other proposed pipelines impacting the upcoming Chhara and Jafrabad Terminals

Thanking you.

Very truly yours

  
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