

**Open House discussion on Public Notice webhosted on 16.04.2019 for
Amendment in Tariff Regulations**

1. Open House (“OH”) discussion on the public notice webhosted on 16.04.2019 for proposed amendment in Tariff Regulations was held on 10.05.2019. Open house was chaired by Chairperson, wherein other Board members viz. Member (C&M), Member (Legal) and Member (I&T) were also present. List of other participants is attached.
2. During the OH, points raised/discussed are as follows:
 - 2.1. **SHELL**
 - 2.1.1. Shell requested to suitably modify the proposed amendment of 3 financial years gap to align the same with the Clause 9 (9) of Schedule A of Tariff Regulations, which permits the tariff review on account of sudden change in parameter(s) used in determination of tariff.
 - 2.2. **Torrent**
 - 2.2.1. Torrent supported the proposed amendment in the Tariff Regulations.
 - 2.3. **Gujarat Gas**
 - 2.3.1. Gujarat Gas supported the proposed amendment, however, suggested to make the tariff chargeable on prospective basis.
 - 2.4. **Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL)**
 - 2.4.1. GSPL asked PNGRB to clarify that the amendment proposed will be applicable from the date of notification in the official gazette and shall not be applied for the past period in which tariff has already been determined as per the extant regulations.
 - 2.5. **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**
 - 2.5.1. RIL stated that some of the tariff orders are sub-judice and stay has been granted to some customers by Hon’ble High Court from payment of tariff for past period, whereas, some have paid the tariff as per the tariff order. RIL requested that with

respect to the date of applicability there should be uniformity in applicability amongst customers on these pipelines.

2.6. Pipeline Infrastructure Limited (PIL)

2.6.1. PIL reiterated the point raised by RIL and submitted that a minimum period of three years in tariff review will defeat the objective behind the regulation which allow tariff review at any time in between the five year period, in case where there are sudden/considerable changes in the underlying parameters. PIL requested to define the parameters and basis for reviewing the tariff on sudden change in parameters.

2.7. Deepak Fertilizers Limited

2.7.1. Deepak fertilizer limited stated that proposed amendment should be clarificatory so that the tariff orders issued under the extant Regulations are also covered under the ambit of the amended Regulations otherwise the same would create discrimination between the consumers who have already paid the tariff under the extant Regulations and those who are yet to pay. They also stated that the tariff should be made applicable from the 1st date of the next quarter from the month in which tariff is determined.

2.8. During the OH, PNGRB clarified that the proposed amendment shall be applicable prospectively and in case where the tariff orders are sub-judice, tariff shall be applicable as per the extant regulations, subject to the Court order(s). PNGRB also clarified that subsequent to the amendment in Tariff Regulations, tariff review at any time can be done, in case where there are sudden/considerable changes in the underlying parameters.

3. Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Participants list

| S.No. | Name | Organization | Designation |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Ms. Vandana Sharma | PNGRB | Secretary |
| 2 | Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jain | PNGRB | Joint Adviser |
| 3 | Mr. Ankur Jain | PNGRB | Assistant Adviser |
| 4 | Mr. S.K. Singh | DFPCL | Sr. GM (CA) |
| 5 | Mr. Rajendra | DFPCL | Dy. GM (CA) |
| 6 | Mr. E.V.S Rao | PIL | Head Comm. |
| 7 | Mr. Neeraj | PIL | Sr. Lead |
| 8 | Mr. H. Goyal | IOCL | GM (RA) |
| 9 | Mr. Nitin Chaini | RIL | VP-Head LNG |
| 10 | Mr. Ashwani | Shell | Director |
| 11 | Mr. Gautham Babu Dasari | Shell (SEI) | Gas Advocacy & Regulation Advisor |
| 12 | Ms. Shobhna Manghnani | Shell (SEI) | Bus. Development LNG |
| 13 | Mr. R.S. Negi | Torrent | GM |
| 14 | Mr. Varun Kumar Singh | Gujarat Gas Ltd. | Sr. Officer C&M |
| 15 | Mr. Ajay Mishra | GSPL | Sr. Manager Comm. |
| 16 | Mr. Sudhir Sharma | Torrent | Executive |