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Sub: Comments with regards to Public Notice dated 16.01.2014

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the above referred Public Notice released by PNGRB, wherein, comments on the draft Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2014 were sought from all stakeholders.

In this regard, GSPL would like to submit the following for consideration of the Board:

i. We understand that the amendment proposed to work out the target for infrastructure for PNG domestic connections during the first five years is with the intent to connect 5% of the Household in a Geographical Area and not the *population of the respective* Geographical Area. Accordingly, PNGRB is requested to clarify, whether our above understanding is in line with the said proposed amendment.

ii. Further, we are of view that PNGRB should prescribe the target to be achieved by the entity for "number of PNG connections" and not for "infrastructure for PNG domestic connections". As the word "infrastructure for PNG domestic connections" is too open and multiple interpretations of the same may arise out of said word in view of the same not being defined anywhere in the regulations.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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