



# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD

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No. Infra/PL/Exis/17/AGAR-REG/GAIL/01/10

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

To  
Chairman & Managing Director,  
M/s GAIL (India) Limited,  
16, Bhikaji Gama Place,  
R. K. Puram, New Delhi - 110066

**Subject: Final Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of Central Government Authorization for laying, building, operating or expanding Agartala regional natural gas pipeline network as common carrier pipeline network under regulation 17(1) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand Natural Gas pipelines) Regulations, 2008.**

**Reference:**

- (i) Your application dated 26.11.08 seeking acceptance of Central Government authorization for Agartala regional pipeline network vide letter no. GAIL/ND/RC./PNGRB/17.
- (ii) Provisional T&C issued by PNGRB vide letter no. Infra/PL/Exis/17/AGAR-REG/GAIL/01/09 dated 04.11.09.
- (iii) Your letter no. GAIL/ND/RC./PNGRB/114 dated 01.12.2009 accepting the provisional terms and conditions.
- (iv) Your letter no. GAIL/ND/RC./PNGRB/146 dated 09.04.2010 submitting Performance Bond.

Sir,

This is in response to your applications dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008 referred to above for consideration of the Board for acceptance of Central Government Authorization for laying, building, operating or expanding the Agartala natural gas pipeline network:

2. To substantiate your claim for authorization from the Central Government for the said pipeline projects, you had furnished documents like copy of 3(1) notification by the Central Government for acquiring ROU, copy of the Gas Linkage Committee for gas allocation and copy of relevant pages of annual reports published by MoPNG. The completion dates as mentioned by GAIL in the above referred applications are from year 1997 to year 1998 respectively. Considering your submissions, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board finally accepts the information submitted by you under Regulation 17(1) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand Natural Gas pipelines) Regulations, 2008. Further on the basis of the submissions made, the following terms and conditions have been finalised by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board which shall be applicable during the operative phase of the said pipeline systems:

### **3. Natural Gas Pipeline System (Total Combined Capacity of 2.00 MMSCMD)**

#### **Agartala Regional Network (Details as per Annex-1)**

The capacity of Agartala regional natural gas pipeline network, length 55.4 kms, diameter ranging from 12 inches to 8 inches, is equal to 2.00 MMSCMD\* as indicated by GAIL. The Board has decided to declare the Agartala regional natural gas pipeline network as common carrier with common carrier capacity of 0.50 MMSCMD\* in terms of the PNGRB (Guiding Principles for Declaring or Authorizing Natural Gas Pipeline as Common Carrier or Contract Carrier) Regulations, 2009.

**Note: (\*- This capacity is accepted as provisional and the final capacity shall be determined as per the regulation on capacity determination for natural gas pipeline as notified by the Board).**

4. As indicated by GAIL, 4"/5.2 Kms Dukli-TNGCL Maharajganj pipeline is a separate pipeline from Agartala regional network. In this regard, the Board has decided that the entity shall be required to submit separate application for Dukli-TNGCL pipeline as a common carrier network.
5. As indicated by GAIL, Agartala regional network was commissioned in year 1997-1998, the economic life of which is ending in year 2022 is extended for another 10 years up to 2032 as per the proviso 2(1)(e) of the said Regulations.
6. The authorized entity shall be required to take prior approval from the Board for creation of any lien or charge or hypothecation on the assets of the pipeline to secure finances for the project and furnish details of utilization of funds.
7. The entity shall publish on its website the approved tariffs and other details as required under various regulations for the natural gas pipeline.
8. In case the authorization of the entity is terminated, the Board may assign the rights and obligations to any agency or another entity on such terms and conditions, as it may deem fit. Further, the entity may be required, as per the directions of the Board, to continue the operations of the natural gas pipeline at the same level till another agency or entity appointed by the Board takes over the full control of the natural gas pipeline.
9. The entity shall comply with the provisions under-
  - a. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand natural gas pipelines) Regulations, 2008;
  - b. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of natural gas pipeline Tariff) Regulations, 2008;
  - c. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Guiding Principles for Declaring or Authorizing Natural Gas Pipeline as Common Carrier or Contract Carrier) Regulations, 2009

- d. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board(Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Natural Gas Pipelines), Regulations, 2009;
- e. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Access code for common carrier or contract carrier natural gas pipelines) Regulations, 2008;
- f. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Affiliate code of conduct for entities engaged in marketing of natural gas and laying, building, operating or expanding natural gas pipeline) Regulations, 2008;
- g. the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determining capacity of Petroleum, Petroleum products and Natural Gas Pipeline) Regulations, 2010
- h. the PNGRB Act and any other regulations notified by the Board from time to time , as may be applicable.

10. The entity shall comply with any other term or condition which may be notified by the Board in public interest, from time to time.

11. You are requested to confirm your acceptance in the space provided below and return the same in original.

Yours faithfully,

Dated: 13/12/10

Copy to: Joint Secretary (M)  
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas  
Shastri Bhavan,  
New Delhi-110001

*Ratan P Watal*  
Secretary, PNGRB  
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**Acceptance of Final Terms and Conditions**

I / We hereby agree to the final terms and conditions issued by the Board vide letter ref. <\_\_\_\_\_> dated <\_\_\_\_\_> and agree to comply with the same subject to which I / We have been issued acceptance letter for laying, building, operating or expanding natural gas pipeline along the route from the originating station <\_\_\_\_\_> in the State or the Union Territory of <\_\_\_\_\_> to the terminating station <\_\_\_\_\_> in the State or the Union Territory of <\_\_\_\_\_>.

Date:  
Place:

Signature of the Entity or Authorized Signatory  
Name and Official Seal

ANNEXURE-1

REGION : AGARTALA

SN	NAME OF P/L	LENGTH(KM)	DES. PRE (KGIC M2)	GRADE OF PIPELINE	DIAM(INCH)	DESIGN CAP IN. MMSCID	COMMISSIONED ON
1	KONABAN GGS TO KONABAN TAP-OFF	3.00	49.00	API SLX528.48	12"	2	1998
2	KONABAN TAP-OFF TO ANAND NAGAR	20.00	49.00	API SLX 48	10"		1998
3	DOME TO ANADNAGAR	5.00	49.00	API SLX528.48	12"		1997
4	ANANDNAGAR TO NEPCO	15.00	49.00	API SLX528.48	12"		1997
5	KONABAN - ROKHIA P/L	12.40	49.00	API SLX 52	8"		1998
	TOTAL	55.40					