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To,

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

**Subject** IOCL's view on draft Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Amendment Regulations, 2025

**Reference** Public Notice No. PNGRB/COM/2-NGPL Tariff (11)/2021 (E-3774) dated 03.02.2025

Sir,

This has reference to Public Notice No. PNGRB/COM/2-NGPL Tariff (11)/2021 (E-3774) dated 03.02.2025 seeking comments/views on the draft Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Amendment Regulations, 2025.

In this connection, IOCL comments on 'Usage of the fund' under Schedule-I [regulation 4(12)] are as follows:

S.No.	Usage proposed by PNGRB	IOCL comments
i	Expenses pertaining to Capacity determination of natural gas pipelines	Entities should also allow to use this fund for taking up any consultancy service for Capacity Determination of NGPL. Fund value can be fixed per pipeline.
ii	Expenses of PNGRB related to framing/ amending regulations/ guidelines, etc	Industry Committee should allow to use this fund for expenditure on various study, hiring of consultant for various study, UFT portal development, Audit and any other activity required to undertake by Industry committee/settlement committee as per direction of PNGRB.
iv	Setting up of office space and other infrastructure at PNGRB for development of natural gas sector in the country including establishment of centralized services for monitoring or IT or MIS or for emergency handling duly approved by PNGRB Board	This should be limited to IT / software related development. Office infrastructure development should be excluded from this fund.

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S.No.	Usage proposed by PNGRB	IOCL comments
v	Expense on training and development of PNGRB personnel pertaining to regulatory activities	Training expenses of Pipeline Operator entity should also be included. PNGRB should also consider Entity employee for training & development.
x	Any other activities as approved by the PNGRB Board for development and support of the natural gas pipeline industry. please give suggestion on above also make additional suggestion for usage of fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund can be utilized to reduce Unified Tariff to make Gas more affordable.</li> <li>• To offer funding to industrial customer for conversion to Gas based system.</li> <li>• Expense on setting up independent TSO and its functioning</li> <li>• The PNGRB Board can allocate funds to cover the OPEX of underutilized pipelines (Cost plus &amp; bidding both) by assessing their financial shortfall and providing interim support</li> </ul>

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

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24.02.2025

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