

Public Notice

Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board seeks views/comments from all stakeholders including general public on **Draft Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Amendment Regulations, 2026 (placed at Annexure-A).**

The views/comments on aforesaid draft Regulations may be sent by an e-mail to secretary@pngrb.gov.in with subject “**Views/Comments on Draft PNGRB NGPL Tariff Amendment Regulations 2026**” and/or in writing through post addressed to Secretary, PNGRB on above mentioned address within **15 days** from the date of issue of this public notice i.e., up to **23.10.2026**.

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Secretary

Annexure A

A. Proposed Amendments for Inclusion of all natural gas pipelines in the Unified Tariff framework:

Regulation	Existing Regulation	Proposed Regulation
2(1)(ec)	“national gas grid system” means network of all such natural gas pipelines within India which are fully interconnected with each other (including those which are partly commissioned and so interconnected) and as enlisted in Schedule C to these regulations and the Board may, by order, amend the said Schedule C from time to time;	“national gas grid system” for the purpose of applicability of Unified tariff means network of all such natural gas pipelines within India which are either— (i) fully interconnected with each other (including those which are partly commissioned and so interconnected) and as enlisted in Schedule C to these regulations; or (ii) not interconnected with the pipelines referred to in clause (i) above, and/or with each other, but are specifically enlisted in Schedule C1 to these regulations (including those which are partly commissioned and so enlisted). The Board may, by order, amend the said Schedule C or Schedule C1 from time to time;
2(1)(l)	“unified contractual path” means the route on the national gas grid system between the unified entry point and the unified exit point for the shipper(s); Provided that the Unified Contractual Path is to be confirmed by the shipper(s) at the time of capacity booking(s) and agreed by the transporter(s). Provided further that in case there are multiple shippers involved in transportation of gas on the Unified Contractual Path, details of all such shippers shall also be confirmed at the time of capacity booking and accepted by the transporter(s); Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, in case on a unified contractual path, the network of any pipeline is used more than once for transporting gas through NGGS, then for such cases, separate unified contractual path will need to be confirmed by the shipper for each usage of the same network. Accordingly, capacity booking shall be done, and applicable unified zonal tariff shall be applied for each case.	“unified contractual path” means the route on the national gas grid system between the unified entry point and the unified exit point for the shipper(s); Provided that the Unified Contractual Path is to be confirmed by the shipper(s) at the time of capacity booking(s) and agreed by the transporter(s). Provided further that in case there are multiple shippers involved in transportation of gas on the Unified Contractual Path, details of all such shippers shall also be confirmed at the time of capacity booking and accepted by the transporter(s); Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, in case on a unified contractual path, the network of any pipeline is used more than once for transporting gas through NGGS, then for such cases, separate unified contractual path will need to be confirmed by the shipper for each usage of the same network. Accordingly, capacity booking shall be done, and applicable unified zonal tariff shall be applied for each case.

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		Provided that only for government allocated natural gas being supplied through swapping mechanism, the unified contractual path may consist of pipelines that are not interconnected.
2(1)(ha)	“Settlement Mechanism” means a mechanism enlisted as Schedule D which may be framed by the Board from time to time in consultation with pipeline entities as detailed at Schedule C	“Settlement Mechanism” means a mechanism enlisted as Schedule D which may be framed by the Board from time to time in consultation with pipeline entities as detailed at either Schedule C or Schedule C1
Schedule C1	Not there in current regulations	Schedule C1 to be inserted as under
Schedule D 1 (1.1)	The Settlement Mechanism, shall be applicable to all the entities including shippers availing transportation services through the natural gas pipelines forming part of the National Gas Grid System ("NGGS") and pipeline entities which are part of NGGS as detailed at Schedule C.	The Settlement Mechanism, shall be applicable to all the entities including shippers availing transportation services through the natural gas pipelines forming part of the National Gas Grid System ("NGGS") and pipeline entities which are part of NGGS as detailed at either Schedule C or Schedule C1
Schedule D 2.1.(e)	“ Industry Committee ” shall mean the committee as constituted by Board comprising of duly authorized representatives as nominated by the pipeline entities forming the part of NGGS at Schedule C, for the purpose of development and operationalisation of settlement mechanism and to act and decide on behalf of respective pipeline entity, on matters related to Unified Tariff	“ Industry Committee ” shall mean the committee as constituted by Board comprising of duly authorized representatives as nominated by the pipeline entities forming the part of NGGS at either Schedule C or Schedule C1, for the purpose of development and operationalisation of settlement mechanism and to act and decide on behalf of respective pipeline entity, on matters related to Unified Tariff
Schedule D 3.7	Post invoicing, the data pertaining to the respective entity pipeline forming part of NGGS shall be shared with the Settlement Committee on a fortnightly basis. Entities shall be required to submit the actual data on or before T+8 Working Days to the Settlement Committee. The data shall be shared as per the format provided in Annexure-3 or such other format as may be mutually agreed by the Settlement Committee. Further, pipeline entities shall submit the 6 monthly data in two parts i.e. for the period from April-September and October-March for the pipelines forming part of NGGS at Schedule C, within 45 days of the end of the respective six months period duly certified from the Chartered Accountant in the format as provided in Annexure-4 to the Settlement Committee with a copy to Board.	Post invoicing, the data pertaining to the respective entity pipeline forming part of NGGS shall be shared with the Settlement Committee on a fortnightly basis. Entities shall be required to submit the actual data on or before T+8 Working Days to the Settlement Committee. The data shall be shared as per the format provided in Annexure-3 or such other format as may be mutually agreed by the Settlement Committee. Further, pipeline entities shall submit the 6 monthly data in two parts i.e. for the period from April-September and October-March for the pipelines forming part of NGGS at Schedule C or Schedule C1, within 45 days of the end of the respective six months period duly certified from the Chartered Accountant in the format as provided in Annexure-4 to the Settlement Committee with a copy to Board.

Schedule C1

List of non-interconnected natural gas pipelines which are part of national gas grid system for calculation of Unified Tariff

S. No.	Entity	Name of the Pipeline
1	GAIL (India) Limited	Cauvery Basin Network a. Narimanam-Kuthalam sub-network b. Ramnad Sub-network
2		Gujarat Regional Network a. Motwan sub-network b. Ex-Hazira (GGCL) c. Kalol-Ramol sub-network d. Kadi-Kalol sub-network e. Paliyad sub-network f. Mehsana sub-network
3.		Agartala Regional Gas Pipeline Network
4.		Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore- Mangalore
5.		Gurdaspur-Jammu
6.	Assam Gas Company Limited	Assam Natural Gas Pipeline Network
7.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	Ennore-Tuticorin
8.		Kochi-Kanyakumari-Thoothukudi
9.		Hazaribagh-Ranchi
10.	Gas Transmission India Pvt. Limited (GTIL)	Ennore- Nellore
11.	IMC limited	KakinadaVijayawada-Nellore
12.	Hooghly Pipelines Private Limited (HPPL)	Kanai - Chhata – Panitar

Note: The pipelines that are yet to be commissioned shall be part of the NGGS from the date of commissioning (fully or partly)

B. Proposed Amendments for Inclusion of Common Expenses to Respective Entity's revenue Entitlement:

Regulation	Existing Regulation	Proposed Regulation
Regulation 5A Sub Regulation (3)	Revenue entitlement of the entities laying, building, operating or expanding natural gas pipelines which are part of the national gas grid system under unified tariff system, shall be the revenue with reference to approved tariff for such natural gas pipelines, that is to say that the entities shall remain revenue neutral and the procedure for determination of unified tariff shall be as specified in Part A of Schedule B of these regulations and the procedure for settlement amongst the pipeline entities shall be as specified in Part B of Schedule B. Provided that in case of any additional Goods and Service tax ("GST") implication on any entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations (including settlement between entities), the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year.	Revenue entitlement of the entities laying, building, operating or expanding natural gas pipelines which are part of the national gas grid system under unified tariff system, shall be the revenue with reference to approved tariff for such natural gas pipelines, that is to say that the entities shall remain revenue neutral and the procedure for determination of unified tariff shall be as specified in Part A of Schedule B of these regulations and the procedure for settlement amongst the pipeline entities shall be as specified in Part B of Schedule B. Provided that in case of any additional Goods and Service tax ("GST") implication on any entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations (including settlement between entities), the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year. Provided further that any common expense incurred by an entity on behalf of the Industry Committee with respect to common expenses such as auditor fees, portal development and maintenance costs, consultant engagement charges for PNGRB approved studies, etc. shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the entity incurring such expense for that year, such that the aggregate amount to be included in the revenue entitlement across all entities and for all common expenses incurred on behalf of the Industry Committee, shall not exceed aggregate limit of Rs.1 (one) Crore (inclusive of taxes) in any financial year. Any amount in excess of such aggregate limit shall be shared among the entities in accordance with the existing practice of cost-sharing.
Schedule B Part A Clause 3	Unified tariff shall be the weighted average of approved zonal tariffs in respect of all the pipelines forming part of the national gas grid system, considering the summation of quantity of gas estimated to be transported and the quantity of ship or pay, if any for which the pipeline entity is contractually entitled to recover approved tariff for each such pipeline. Provided that the quantities of gas estimated to be transported through multiple pipelines shall be considered only once;	Unified tariff shall be the weighted average of approved zonal tariffs in respect of all the pipelines forming part of the national gas grid system, considering the summation of quantity of gas estimated to be transported and the quantity of ship or pay, if any for which the pipeline entity is contractually entitled to recover approved tariff for each such pipeline. Provided that the quantities of gas estimated to be transported through multiple pipelines shall be considered only once;

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Schedule B Part B Clause 1	Revenue entitlement of natural gas pipelines that is to say the revenue entitlement for a natural gas pipeline entity in respect of a pipeline which forms part of national gas grid system shall be equal to the sum of pipeline-wise transportation charges calculated based on zone-wise actual quantity of gas transported including ship or pay quantities of each such pipeline, multiplied by the respective zone-wise approved tariff for that pipeline. Provided that in case of any additional Goods and Service tax (“GST”) implication on any pipeline entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations (including settlement between entities), the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year;	Revenue entitlement of natural gas pipelines that is to say the revenue entitlement for a natural gas pipeline entity in respect of a pipeline which forms part of national gas grid system shall be equal to the sum of pipeline-wise transportation charges calculated based on zone-wise actual quantity of gas transported including ship or pay quantities of each such pipeline, multiplied by the respective zone-wise approved tariff for that pipeline. Provided that in case of any additional Goods and Service tax (“GST”) implication on any pipeline entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations (including settlement between entities), the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year; Provided further that any common expense incurred by an entity on behalf of the Industry Committee with respect to common expenses such as auditor fees, portal development and maintenance costs, consultant engagement charges for PNGRB approved studies, etc. shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the entity incurring such expense for that year, such that the aggregate amount to be included in

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Schedule B Part B Clause 3 Note	Notes: The approved tariff for pipeline 1 to n, as referred to in above table, denotes the approved tariff considered for each tariff zone for pipeline 1 to n. Similarly, the actual quantities of natural gas transported and the quantity of ship or pay by pipeline 1 to n, as referred to in above table, denotes the actual gas transported and the quantity of ship or pay in each of such zones. Further, any additional Goods and Service tax (“GST”) implication on any pipeline entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations, (including settlement between entities) the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year.	Notes: The approved tariff for pipeline 1 to n, as referred to in above table, denotes the approved tariff considered for each tariff zone for pipeline 1 to n. Similarly, the actual quantities of natural gas transported and the quantity of ship or pay by pipeline 1 to n, as referred to in above table, denotes the actual gas transported and the quantity of ship or pay in each of such zones. Further, any additional Goods and Service tax (“GST”) implication on any pipeline entity due to implementation of unified tariff regulations, (including settlement between entities) the same shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the respective entity for that year. Provided further that any common expense incurred by an entity on behalf of the Industry Committee with respect to common expenses such as auditor fees, portal development and maintenance costs, consultant engagement charges for PNGRB approved studies, etc. shall be included in the revenue entitlement of the entity incurring such expense for that year, such that the aggregate amount to be included in the revenue entitlement across all entities and for all common expenses incurred on behalf of the Industry Committee, shall not exceed aggregate limit of Rs.1 (one) Crore (inclusive of taxes) in any financial year. Any amount in excess of such aggregate limit shall be shared among the entities in accordance with the existing practice of cost-sharing.
Schedule D Clause 3.2 (e)	Appointment of an independent auditor of repute which shall audit all the settlement amounts and its working on a quarterly basis. The scope of the auditor shall be jointly finalized by the Settlement committee in consultation with the Industry Committee. The payment to the auditor shall	Appointment of an independent auditor of repute which shall audit all the settlement amounts and its working on a quarterly basis. The scope of the auditor shall be jointly finalized by the Settlement committee in consultation with the Industry Committee. The payment to the auditor shall be released by the entity of the lead member and the expenses of auditors

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	be released by the entity of the lead member and the expenses of auditors shall be equally shared by all the members of an industry committee.	shall included in the revenue entitlement of respective entity and remaining amount, if any , be equally shared by all the members of an industry committee.
Schedule D Clause 3.5	Settlement Committee based on the data submitted by all the entities as mentioned in paragraph 3.4, submit the detailed working to the Board by third week of January every year. The Settlement Committee shall calculate the UFT ratio and the likely Surplus Entity and Deficit Entity, for each of the natural gas pipelines forming part of NGGS, which shall be used for the purpose of determining share of UFT for invoicing of Common Volumes to the Shippers by respective entities. In case of Single Entity Volumes, the concerned entity will invoice at 100% of UFT. The Settlement Committee shall provide UFT ratios along with details of likely Surplus and Deficit entity to the Board by 15th February every year. The UFT and UFT ratios applicable for the subsequent financial year shall be approved by the Board and hosted on its website by the first week of March of every year. For the UFT applicable w.e.f. from 1st April 2023, the UFT calculations shall be performed through suitable IT model/or any other mode as decided by Settlement Committee and subsequently based on the experience of Industry committee, an improved IT tool shall be developed and used for arriving at the final UFT. The expenses on account of development/operations pertaining to IT system shall be equally shared by all the members of the industry committee. 	Settlement Committee based on the data submitted by all the entities as mentioned in paragraph 3.4, submit the detailed working to the Board by third week of January every year. The Settlement Committee shall calculate the UFT ratio and the likely Surplus Entity and Deficit Entity, for each of the natural gas pipelines forming part of NGGS, which shall be used for the purpose of determining share of UFT for invoicing of Common Volumes to the Shippers by respective entities. In case of Single Entity Volumes, the concerned entity will invoice at 100% of UFT. The Settlement Committee shall provide UFT ratios along with details of likely Surplus and Deficit entity to the Board by 15th February every year. The UFT and UFT ratios applicable for the subsequent financial year shall be approved by the Board and hosted on its website by the first week of March of every year. For the UFT applicable w.e.f. from 1st April 2023, the UFT calculations shall be performed through suitable IT model/or any other mode as decided by Settlement Committee and subsequently based on the experience of Industry committee, an improved IT tool shall be developed and used for arriving at the final UFT. The expenses on account of development/operations pertaining to IT system shall be included in the revenue entitlement of respective entity and remaining amount, if any, be equally shared by all the members of the industry committee.
Schedule D Clause 3.12 (c)	Expenses pertaining to working of Settlement/Industry Committee as may be approved by the settlement committee shall be equally shared by all the members of the industry committee.	Expenses pertaining to working of Settlement/Industry Committee as may be approved by the settlement committee shall be included in the revenue entitlement of respective entity and remaining amount, if any , be equally shared by all the members of the industry committee.