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No. ONGC/DLH/Gas/JHBDPL/PNGRB/2018

Date: 02.11.2018

To
The Secretary
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board
1st Floor, World Trade Centre, Babar Road
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Comments on Public Consultation Document No. PNGRB/M(C)/2018 webhosted on 17.10.2018 regarding Provisional Tariff for JHBDPL

Dear Madam,

This is with reference to Public Consultation Document No. PNGRB/M(C)/2018 webhosted on 17.10.2018 regarding “Provisional Tariff for Jagdishpur-Haldia & Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL)” on which PNGRB has solicited the views of all stakeholders on GAIL’s tariff filing for the JHBDPL within 15 days of the issue of this document i.e. by 02.11.2018.

In this regard, kindly find below the inputs offered by ONGC for your kind consideration:

1. ONGC is operating in the four CBM blocks namely Bokaro, Jharia, North Karanpura Jharkhand and Raniganj in West Bengal.

2. ONGC informed GAIL on 09.09.2016 & 16.07.2018 (copy enclosed as Annesure-1) about the production activities in the ONGC’s CBM blocks Jharia, Bokaro and North Karanpura in Jharkhand and Raniganj in West Bengal and requested GAIL to connect their upcoming JHBDPL for evacuation of the ONGC’s CBM gas. Subsequently, GAIL had assured to provide connectivity of JHBDPL with gas offtake points of ONGC CBM blocks.

3. In the meantime, GAIL has applied to PNGRB for tariff fixation; accordingly, PNGRB has published Public Consultation Document webhosted on 17.10.2018 regarding “Provisional Tariff for JHBDPL” for the comments of all stakeholders. In the PCD, GAIL has provided the details of Capex as per DFR of JHBDPL for the four sections viz. A. Phulpur to Dhobi, B. Dobhi to Sindhri/Ranchi, C. Sindri to Haldia, and D. Ranchi-Angul-Dhamra for determination of final tariff.

4. However, as per the above pipeline sections details provided by GAIL, no connectivity with ONGC’s CBM blocks has been included in the proposal for determination of final tariff for JHBDPL.

5. In this regard it is submitted that availability of pipeline infrastructure in the region and connectivity of ONGC’s CBM fields with the upcoming JHBDPL is paramount necessity for...
evacuation of CBM gas. Therefore, it is requested to ensure connectivity of JHBDPL to ONGC’s CBM blocks.

With best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chief Marketing

Copy to:-

Chief General Manager (Mktg-RA)
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Sub: Request for providing support for CBM Gas Marketing thru GAIL Pipeline.

Ref.: Earlier meeting dated 5th May, 2018 on the stated subject.

Dear Shri,

At the outset I would like to personally thank you for the hospitality extended to ONGC during the meeting on 5th May 2018 at GAIL Office and for the assurance for providing required support for sale of Gas from CBM Blocks through the upcoming infrastructure of GAIL (India) Limited under Pradhan Mantri Ujjala Ganga scheme.

ONGC had floated tenders for Sale of Gas from three CBM Blocks under ‘Early Monetisation’ efforts. ONGC is thankful to GAIL for having participated and winning the tender for 10,000 SCMD of CBM Gas from ONGC North Karanpura Block for a period of five years.

It is pertinent here to mention that though appreciable demand for CBM Gas exists, the industries/gas markets are located far away from ONGC CBM Blocks, namely Jharia, Bokaro and North Karanpura, making it difficult to reach the consumers. Also, to the best of our understanding, the upcoming including spur lines of GAIL is located about 40 km - 60 kms from the off-take points in Jharia, Bokaro and North Karanpura Blocks. The locations of off-take points of ONGC have already been shared with GAIL with a request to make provisions for Spur-Line in the upcoming gas line of GAIL.

Appreciable production from our Bokaro and North Karanpura Blocks is expected to start soon and reach plateau production by 2022-23. It would be a great initiative and contribution on the part of ONGC and GAIL. If this clean source of energy is taken from ONGC Off-take points to the consumers’ door-step to fulfill the energy demand of this region and make a positive impact on the industry growth and overall economy.

An early engagement on the above proposal would be of immense value to all the stakeholders. Such an effort will ensure delivery of CBM gas, a clean fuel, to the industries in the area. This will further improve the availability and supply of gas in the Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra gas pipeline (JHBDPL).

Your good office is requested to take up laying of spur-line from CBM Blocks off-take points on priority.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(S. K. Moitra)

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(S. K. Moitra)
Respected Sir,

It is my pleasure to share that ONGC is actively engaged in harnassing Coal Bed Methane (CBM), an alternate fuel from its four CBM blocks- Jharia, Bokaro and North Karanpura in Jharkhand and Raniganj in Bengal. Exploration phase is over and now, Field Development Plans are to be implemented for monetization of CBM. As you might be aware, lately, there has been lot of emphasis for early monetization of CBM in line with the current national policies.

In pursuance to above, ONGC after getting statutory clearances has initiated the development activities in two CBM blocks Bokaro and North Karanpura upfront, spanning in three districts Bokaro, Ramgarh and Hazaribagh of Jharkhand state. Resources are being procured and physical activities shall commence by the end of current F.Y 2016-17. The plan envisages drilling of over 200 wells and creation of surface facilities, pipeline networks etc. over a period of 4 to 5 years. Production from these two blocks shall start in the F.Y. 2017-18 and reach a plateau of 1 to 1.5 MMSCMD in five years distributed over five production hubs. However, being a virgin field and in absence of anchor customer, marketing of CBM is a challenge in this area.

GAIL being the pioneer in gas marketing, I solicit your kind support on the issue of CBM marketing in Jharkhand commencing production in the year 2017-18 at small scale and progressively reaching its peak in 4 to 5 years. Your valuable inputs and guidance on likely ways of gas sale on short term / long term would help us market the CBM from greenfield of Jharkhand.

It is understood, that M/s GAIL is in the process of extending its HBJ pipeline to Haldia, crossing Jharkhand, adjacent to ONGC's CBM fields. This pipeline may be leveraged to dispense the produced CBM gas as a long term plan. Production profile and other inputs may be shared in due course of time.

May kindly look into the matter and oblige.

With regards,

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