



GUJARAT GAS

GGL/Mianl Village/FCA/PF/Compliance/2022

Date: 17/05/2022

To,  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Dasuya Forest Division,  
Dasuya (Punjab State)

**Sub.: Mianl Village Connectivity – Diversion of 0.445 Hectare of Protected Forest land for laying 125 mm dia PE Natural Gas Pipeline parallel & across to Road/River side strip plantation declared as protected forest in Dasuya Tehsil of Hoshiarpur District, Punjab State – Submission of Compliance.**

**Ref.: EDS raised dated 02.05.2022 on forest web portal.**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above subject, it is to be mentioned that the online proposal was submitted by Gujarat Gas Limited (As GSPC group company – Government of Gujarat Undertaking) vide proposal no. FP/PB/Pipeline/146525/2021, dated 30.08.2021 as per the forest guidelines. Hard copy of the proposal was submitted and subsequently, payment towards processing fee and Bank Guarantee has also submitted to your good office and same proposal was recommended through proper channel to Nodal office. However EDS sought by Nodal office asking to submit NOC's of land owning agencies.

This is to inform that obtaining NOC from land owning agency (viz. PWD/Irrigation dept.) is a parallel activity. If the clearance of Forest department gives only after obtaining NOC from land owning agency the clearance of proposal will required double time i.e. time taken by land owning agency as well as time taken by Forest department. Accordingly the projects get delayed as forest clearance taken about 5 to 9 months after clearance by the owning agency. It is therefore requested that the forest department should not insist to club other permission with the forest proposal. Further a undertaking has been submitted with the proposal by the user agency stating that GGL will submit the NOC before approving Stage-II. Kindly consider the same.

In this regards Gujarat Gas Ltd. has also submitted a request letter to Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest and Wild Life Preservation, Govt. of Punjab on the same issues and most of proposals also approved as per our request. Copy of the letter is attached herewith. A meeting also held with the Nodal officer on 16.05.2022 on this matter and they also agreed to recommend our proposals for Stage – I approval as per undertaking submitted.

We also wish to inform that as a government company we always adhere the norms of statutory authorities & depositing the payments / laves on time as per the demand received. As on date we have deposited all the payments as per the demand letter received from forest department, PWD department etc. after obtaining in-principal approval.

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Hope our submission is in line to fulfill your requirement. We therefore request you to consider the application and do the needful for granting permission at the earliest possible.

Thanking you an assuring you of our best attention always.

Yours sincerely,

Anish Parikh  
Dy. Manager (ROU)



Encl.: As above

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No. GGL/ACS Forest/MD/CGD Punjab/2020/-001  
Date: 21.04.2020

Sanjeev Kumar, IAS

Managing Director

To  
Smt. Ravneet Kaur, I.A.S.,  
Additional Chief Secretary,  
Department of Forest and Wild Life Preservation  
Govt. of Punjab  
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Sub.: **Gujarat Gas Limited: Development of City Gas Distribution Network in Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Firozpur, Muktasar Sahib, Faridkot and Mansa District of Punjab State: Request your kind consideration of our proposals and needful directions for grant of PNG and CNG pipeline diversion proposals under General approval of MOEF and CC, New Delhi**

Respected Madam,

**Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL)** a company promoted by Govt. of Gujarat, is India's largest City Gas Distribution company with its presence spread across various districts of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab state. GGL is committed to reach out to every possible natural gas user in Domestic, Industrial, Commercial and transportation sector in its geographical areas. **Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)** is one of the cleanest fuels which emit less carbon dioxide than either by wood, coal, Kerosene, oil, petrol, diesel and other hydrocarbon fuels and therefore it is strategically aligned to energize India's Natural Gas vision being a green fuel.

GGL has received authorization from PNGRB, a regulatory body set up by Govt. of India, for laying, building, operating and expending City gas Distribution Network in Hoshiarpur & Gurdaspur Geographical Area, Firozpur, Faridkot & Muktasar Sahib Geographical area, and Mansa District (part of Sirsa, Mansa, Fatehabad Geographical area) in the state of Punjab.

Considering stringent targets of PNGRB, GGL has planned City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network (PNG & CNG) to reach out each corner of the GA to provide Natural gas to every end user in phased manner. Most of the pipeline network is planned along and across existing utility corridor of various categories of roads and canals i.e. NH/SH/PWD Road/Municipal Roads/Canal network to facilitate all sectors of PNG and CNG. In Punjab State likewise in Gujarat State, all Roads, Canals, Railway side lands are declared as Protected Forest under Section 4 and/or Section 29 of Indian Forest Act, 1927. Therefore permission is required to be obtained under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 from Forest Department in addition to the permission from respective Road, Canal, Railway authorities.

To reach out every corner of authorized GAs, GGL seeks your kind support and intervention for expeditious clearance of forest proposals mainly in the following two issues which factors for delay in approval of Forest proposals :

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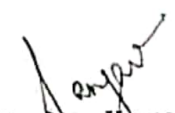
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1. APCCF & Nodal office insist for prior NOC/permission from Land owning agency i.e. PWD, Irrigation etc. first for processing the Road/Canal sides forest proposals. If the forest proposals are accepted only after the permission from land owning agency the clearance of proposal will require double time i.e. Time taken by land owning agency as well as time taken by forest department. Accordingly the projects get delayed as forest clearance takes about 5 to 9 months after clearance by the owning agency. It is therefore requested that the forest department should not insist to club other permissions with the forest proposal. If required the user agency will submit the undertaking for the same or a condition can be mentioned in formal (Stage-II) permission likewise in Gujarat.
2. **Compensatory afforestation Land(CA Land) is being demanded equivalent to Diversion area for Forest proposals** for laying of PNG and CNG pipeline. MoEF & CC, GoI has accorded the General approval dated 07.11.2014 to underground laying of PNG and CNG pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width. Accordingly the Government of Gujarat is according permissions for PNG and CNG pipeline under General approval without any Compensatory afforestation land and charges. It is therefore requested that similar procedure can also be followed for expeditious approval and implementation of the projects.

Brief note on above issues and our proposals based on the procedure adopted by Government of Gujarat for fast track clearance of such proposals is attached herewith along with the documentary support for your perusal.

In view of the above, your kind intervention is solicited for consideration of above two proposals which would be helpful for speedy CGD network development in Punjab state resulting in availability of cleaner and efficient fuel to the people of Punjab at large.

Regards,

  
(Sanjeev Kumar)  
Managing Director

Encl : As above : Brief Note

Copy to :

1. PCCF & HOFF, IFS, Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer, IFS, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali

  
  
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No. GGL/ACS Forest/MD/CGD Punjab/2020/002

Date: 14.05.2020

To

Shri Raman Kant Mishra, I.F.S.,  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Cum Nodal Officer,  
Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation  
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), FCA Branch  
Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar  
Mohali.

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Gurdaspur, Firozpur, Muktasar Sahib, Faridkot and Mansa District of Punjab State:  
Request your kind consideration of our proposals and needful directions for grant of PNG  
& CNG pipeline diversion proposals under general approval of MOEF and CC, New Delhi

Ref.: 1. This office letter no. GGL/ACS Forest/MD/CGD Punjab/2020/001 dtd. 21.04.2020 sent  
through Email dtd. 21.04.2020  
2. APCCF Cum Nodal Officer (FCA) letter No. FOREST-FCA00THS/3/2020-AO FCA dtd  
05.05.2020 received through Email dtd. 06.05.2020

Respected Sir,

We convey our sincere thanks for your prompt response to our request on the subjected matter.  
We have received your views on our two concerns raised by us vide your letter dated 05.05.20  
referred above in preamble.

After careful consideration we would like to add our views in reference to your response.

**Issue: 1. Asking NOC/Permission from land owning agency i.e. PWD, Irrigation etc first for processing the road/ canal side forest proposal:**

We have thoroughly checked para 4.2 of FCA-1980 guideline issued by MOEF & CC dtd.28.03.2019 and the form-A Part-I to be submitted while making application online on parivesh.nic.in for diversion of forest area. It is to state that nowhere in form-A part-I is asking the NOC OR approved lay out from land owing agency i.e. NHAI/Railway/PWD/Irrigation etc. The copy of the form-A, part-I downloaded from Parivesh.nic.in and copy of the Form-A part I accepted online for one of the GGL's diversion proposal are attached as Annexure-'A' for your kind perusal.

We understand that the permission from land owing agency is mandatory and we ensure permission from them before commencing physical work in the forest area. Our request is not to club both the permissions, but to process both the permissions simultaneously. We assure you that GGL will follow the conditions of the approval.

Therefore, we kindly request you to accept our proposal without NOC OR approved lay out from land owing agencies. At the most we suggest to put condition in 'In-principal approval' that the user agency has to be obtained permission from the land owing agency before commencement of the project likewise done by Govt. of Gujarat. This will be an immense help to expedite our

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proposals and development CGD projects in the state of Punjab. Please note that due to the non acceptance of proposals for the want of NOC from land owning agencies, we are unable to upload many proposals online for allotted GAs of Punjab state.

**Issue: 2. Compensatory afforestation (CA) land provisions being demanded equivalent to forest area diverted for laying of PNG & CNG pipeline**

We have reviewed your response thoroughly and we appreciate your effort for seeking clarification from MOEF & CC vide your letter no. FCA/1980/2019/644 dated 18.12.2019.

We are pleased to inform you that this issue is already been taken in the Forest Advisory committee meeting dated 23.04.2020 and Minute of the meeting also published in the website parivesh.nic.in. The copy of agenda and minute of the meeting dated 23.04.20 is attached herewith at Annexure-B for your perusal.

Abstract of the decision of The Forest Advisory Committee is narrated below:

*"FAC observed that as per the existing guidelines dated 28.3.19, condition mentioned in para 4.1 (f) is also applicable on the proposals mentioned in para 4.2. In this regard, FAC further observed that this is an activity to be taken up in forest area which is already under non forest use.*

*After thorough deliberation on the issue, FAC recommended that CA may not be levied in case of laying underground Optical Fiber Cables(OFC), telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, electricity cables, CNG/PNG and slurry pipelines within the RoW of existing roads (trench size not more than two meter in depth and one meter in width) not falling in National Parks and wildlife sanctuaries without felling of trees."*

In view of the above we kindly request your support to accept our proposals online without the condition of NOC from land owning agency and without compensatory afforestation as clarified by FAC.

This is infrastructure development projects and it will be benefitted to the people of Punjab at large, we solicit your cooperation and support in the matter.

With warm Regards



Mukesh Jashpara  
Officer on Special Duty

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