Proposal No.: FP/UP/Others/146059/2021

Laying of 12" dia natural gas pipe line at various roads, Khatoli by Pass to Muzafifarnagar Border, PWD km. chainage 0.00 to 9.200 km. NH- 58 km. chainage 92.290 to 90.290, total length 11.200 km. and total length hectare 0.5600 in social forestry division Muzaffarnagar by Indraprast Gas limted, New Delhi

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प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि इन्द्रप्रस्थ गैस लि0 नई दिल्ली द्वारा विषयक प्रस्ताव में पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा भूमिगत सी०एन०जी० /पी०एन०जी० पाईपलाईन डालने एवं संरक्षित वन भूमि के गैर वानिकी प्रयोग के सम्बन्ध में जारी दिशा निर्देश FC-11/165/2019-FC दिनांक- 27.07.2020 में उल्लिखित शर्तो के अनुसार-

Laying of Underground Optical Fiber Cables (OFC), telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, electricity cables, CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines. General approval is accorded for taking up these projects within 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. Approval, in addition to general conditions mentioned above under para 4.1 (except condition "f"), subject to the following specific conditions:

No tree felling is involved for the proposed work After completion of the project the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably.

UA agrees to make good of any loss to Forest/Environment.

The UA will seek permission from the local FD for carrying out any maintenance.

In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, General Approval is subject to prior permissions from the State Board for Wildlife. In case of project involve tree felling, ten trees for each tree marked for removal shall be planted at

the cost of user agency in consultation with the local forest department.

उपरोक्त शर्तों के अन्तर्गत जनपद मुजफ्फरनगर में 02 मीटर गहराई व 01 मीटर चौडाई से कम(1.5 मी0 गहराई ×0.5मी0) वीमा के अन्तर्गत 0.8445 है0 संरक्षित वन भूमि में बिना वृक्ष पातन भूमिगत गैस पाईप लाईन डाली जानी प्रस्तावित है। जिसमें दिशा निर्देश FC-11/165/2019-FC दिनांक- 27.07.2020 के बिन्दु संख्या—3 के अनुसार" FAC recommended that CA may not be levied in case of laying of 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."

उपरोक्त निर्देशानुसार क्षतिपूरक वनीकरण अपेक्षित नहीं है तदानुसार क्षतिपूरक वनीकरण से संबंधित अभिलेखों को प्रस्ताव के साथ संलग्न करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

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Government of India Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryayaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj 5th Floor, Agni Wing New Delhi-110003 Dated: 27th July, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests) All States/UTs

Sub: Clarification regarding guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose as per the general approval, under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for laying of underground CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines-reg.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the representation received from the Government of Punjab through Regional Office Chandigarh vide letter no. 1-2Misc/2019-ROC dated 08.01.2020 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that the matter was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 23.04.2020.

- 2. FAC observed that as per existing guidelines dated 28.03.2019, condition mentioned in Para 4.1 (f) is also applicable on the proposals mentioned in Para 4.2. It further observed that laying of underground CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines in RoW of the existing road is an activity being taken up in forest area which is already under non forest use.
- 3. After thorough deliberation on the issue, FAC recommended that CA may not be levied in case of laying of 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.
- 4. In view of the above, Para 4.2 of the Comprehensive Guidelines issued on 28.03.2019 may be read as: od re: ivera r h

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This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Your faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma) Asst. inspector General of Forests

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