

Gist of the discussions of the meeting regarding diversion of gas from Western Region to Northern region held on 10.08.2016 at NRPC Secretariat, New Delhi

Member Secretary, NRPC welcomed the participants. Giving the background, SE, NRPC stated that in the meeting taken by JS, MoP on 23rd June 2016, it was decided that broad principles for diversion of gas from Western Region to Northern region, on long-term basis considering security and economy of power system operation would be evolved. This meeting has been convened to discuss the issue. List of the participant is enclosed at Annexure-I.

2. In the meeting representative of NTPC informed that :

- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) had issued guidelines for clubbing/diversion of gas between power plants under the same ownership on 01.01.2013. The objective of the guidelines was to optimally utilize the domestic gas between gas based plants to increase generation of electricity. As per the guidelines, the generator has to take approval for the proposal of diversion/clubbing from MoP, for a period not exceeding one year. Accordingly, NTPC had been taking approval of MoP, on yearly basis, since 2013-14.
- Based on MoP order, NTPC has been entering into arrangement with GAIL for gas diversion. The gas diversion flexibility has helped to gainfully utilize the allocated domestic gas amongst NTPC stations, which would have otherwise gone unutilised/ waste. The unutilised gas quantity is not allocated to the stations next day.
- In NTPC, gas diversion under the guidelines started w.e.f. 26.06.2013. Initially, the gas diversion was on day ahead basis (without any provision for intra-day change in gas diversion quantity). After persuasion, GAIL allowed intra-day gas diversion from 16.01.2014.
- At present, the intra-day gas diversion flexibility is continuing amongst NTPC stations.

3. It was agreed that, as gas diversion flexibility has been helping gas stations to optimally utilise the allocated domestic gas, the clubbing/diversion mechanism should continue on a permanent basis instead of yearly basis. Long- term gas diversion flexibility will ensure fuel security for the gas stations. It will also equip the stations better to respond to the grid emergencies.

4. Representative of NTPC added that they had requested MoP for permanent gas diversion flexibility between power plants under a common ownership and decision on the same is awaited.

5. After deliberations, it was decided that the matter may be pursued with CEA/MoP, to allow the gas diversion on permanent basis to ensure optimum utilisation of the available gas in the country to ensure more reliable and economic power system operation.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

List of Participants

S.No.	Name of officer	Designation	Organisation
1.	P. S. Mhaske	MS	NRPC
2.	Ajay Talegaonkar	SE	NRPC
3.	Hemant Kumar Pandey	SE	NRPC
4.	B.S. Bairwa	EE	NRPC
5.	Janhvi Shanker	GM	NTPC
6.	Shailesh Dheman	DGM	NTPC
7.	Kishor Hota	AGM	NTPC