

To

The Oil Industry Coordinator,
M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
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Mumbai – 400 005.

Sub: Supply of CNG as auto fuel for public transport buses plying in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation area

Ref: Review Meeting held by EPCA at Pune on January 8, 2005 in the Supreme Court of India in the matter of W.P.(Civil) 13029 of 1985.

WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority appointed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing the compliance in respect of the directives that are given by the Apex Court to control air pollution in some of the cities in India;

AND WHEREAS, separate action plans for control of air pollution have been prepared for Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority visited Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation area on 8th of January, 2005 to review the implementation of directives given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to control air pollution in Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas;

AND WHEREAS, the issue on the availability of CNG came up for discussion during the review meeting;

AND WHEREAS, it was noticed that a clear deadline is necessary for making available the compressed natural gas in Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas, so that the air pollution from the vehicular source can be effectively controlled;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority desired that the oil companies should submit a detailed plan to make available the CNG in Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad areas by the end of December, 2005;

AND WHEREAS, it was informed that 0.4 MMS CNG is allotted for Pune as part of APM.

AND WHEREAS, it was not considered feasible by the oil companies to bring in CNG before December, 2006;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority directed that the CNG should be made available in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad areas by June 30, 2006;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority further directed that the oil companies should file a separate affidavit in this regard before the Authority;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority also directed that the directions be issued by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the oil companies to prepare a detailed plan and ensure its compliance to make available the CNG in Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad areas by June, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, in compliance of the directions of the EPCA, you are directed as under:

- (i) Oil companies shall come up with clear deadline for supply of CNG to Pune is not feasible by December 2005.
- (ii) Oil companies (i.e. GAIL/BPCL) shall submit affidavit within one month to EPCA indicating action plan for supply of CNG to Pune by June 2006.

Action taken report may be sent to EPCA under intimation to MPCB.

(D.B. Boralkar)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to:

- 1) Chairman, Environment Pollution Protection Authority, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110 032.
- 2) Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110 032.
- 3) Principal Secretary (Environment), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

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- 1] APAE/Dr. Katoley, Tech. Advisor/Sr.LO(D)/RO(HQ), MPCB, Mumbai.
- 2] RO, MPCB, Pune.
- 3] PS to Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai.