

## The Study Project on National Gas Grid in India under USTDA grant launched on August 18, 2009

A Grant Agreement was entered into between the Government of the United States of America, acting through U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) and the Government of the Republic of India acting through Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) on 30th June, 2006 for a study project on the proposed National Gas Grid (NGG) in India. Under this agreement, USTDA would provide financial assistance to PPAC to partially fund the cost of services required for technical assistance on the study.

2. M/s ICF International, USA, an international professional services consulting company having wide experience in modeling natural gas markets in different countries, has been selected to undertake the study project. The above study project has been launched on August 18, 2009 and is expected to be completed within 10 months.

3. This study is a conceptual study of NGG in India and will address important issues such as:

- physical interconnections of the pipelines and related capacity issues
- technology to manage, monitor and control the gas grid as an integrated operating system
- natural gas storage
- pipeline integrity and pipeline safety operations and technology
- gas transportation tariff and practices and related technologies
- pipelines systems security from a design and operations perspective