

Petrobras starts commercial operation of the Natural Gas Processing Unit (UPGN) in Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, November 11, 2024 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) following up on Communication of September 11, 2024, informs that the Natural Gas Processing Unit (UPGN), located at the Boaventura Energy Complex (Itaboraí, RJ), began commercial operation. The UPGN is currently operating with its first module, which has the capacity to process 10.5 million m³/day of gas. The second module is expected to start operating by the end of this year, bringing the Unit's total processing capacity to 21 million m³/day of gas.

The Route 3 Integrated Project (PIR3), of which the UPGN is a part, is strategic for Petrobras, as it will make it possible to increase the supply of natural gas to the Brazilian market, with economic attractiveness for the company.

PIR3 is part of the Santos Basin Integrated Gas Flow System, responsible for the flow of pre-salt fields such as Tupi, Búzios and Sapinhoá, among others. Regardless of the connection point, the gas from the production fields can be piped to the various processing units, including the new UPGN at the Boaventura Energy Complex. The natural gas produced at the UPGN is therefore part of the total volume offered by the company.

More gas for the domestic market

The start-up of PIR3 is essential for the country and for increasing Petrobras' competitiveness in the new dynamic and competitive environment of the national gas market. The company now offers new commercial conditions to its customers and has increased supply reliability, which is already practically 100%.

In 2023, Petrobras signed more than 34 natural gas supply contracts, after winning public calls from distributors and competitive processes from free consumers, which represented the sale of more than 70 billion cubic meters in contracts with sales planned until 2034.

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