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The following are the activities of the partnership for the month of February 2005.

➢ Prof. Tamim continued teaching the Energy Value Chain Economics, Policy and Regulation as a graduate course offered through PMRE.

➢ The partnership continued to work on travel arrangements for Prof. Hossain and Dr. Rahman.

➢ Prof. Tamim has two graduate students assisting him on several research projects of value for the Bangladesh energy sector: an analysis of a natural gas pipeline project and the development of the energy value chain spreadsheet model for Bangladesh, both based on models from UH IELE’s New Era program. A third project under development is the evaluation of IOC investment conditions in Bangladesh.

➢ UH IELE is communicating with Prof. Hossain for making the necessary preparations for his extended stay in Houston. In particular, UH IELE will arrange some visits with natural gas companies and regulators for discussing pipeline economics, expansion, regulation and other related issues. Economics of CNG is another topic Prof. Hossain will work on while in Houston.

Next steps

Actions expected in the next few months include:

➢ Finalize travel arrangements for Prof. Hossain and Dr. Rahman.

➢ Continue to work on research papers.