

certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Dominion South to construct and operate natural gas pipeline facilities (Dominion South Pipeline) connecting Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line and Florida Gas Transmission in Matagorda County, Texas; (2) a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 157, Subpart F, authorizing Dominion South to construct, acquire, operate and abandon facilities; and (3) a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 authorizing Dominion South to provide open-access firm and interruptible interstate natural gas services and the associated pre-granted abandonment authorization, as more fully set forth in the application which is open to public inspection. This filing may be also viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERConline Support at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Dominion South proposes to construct and operate approximately 5 feet of 12-inch diameter pipeline to serve as an interconnecting pipeline between Florida Gas Transmission Company's (FGT) and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp.'s (Transco) currently segregated pipelines in Matagorda County, Texas. Dominion South would receive natural gas volumes from Transco and deliver to FGT up to 200,000 Dekatherm equivalent of natural gas per day on behalf of Dominion Field Services, Inc. Dominion South estimates that it would cost \$2,256,123 to construct the proposed interconnecting pipeline.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Anne E. Bomar, Managing Director, Transmission Rates and Regulation, Dominion Resources, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or via telephone at (804) 819-2134.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list

maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: March 23, 2005.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RP05-203-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 3, 2005.

Take notice that on February 28, 2005, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective April 1, 2005:

Sixty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 8A
Sixty-First Revised Sheet No. 8A.01
Sixty-First Revised Sheet No. 8A.02
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 8A.04
Sixty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8B
Fifty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 8B.01
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 8B.02

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF05-5-000]

Gulf LNG Energy LLC; Notice of Environmental Review and Scoping for the Proposed Lng Clean Energy Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 3, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the LNG Clean Energy Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Gulf LNG Energy LLC (Gulf LNG) in Port of Pascagoula, on Mississippi lands in Bayou Casotte that are owned or controlled by the Jackson County Port Authority. The proposed facilities would consist of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and one interconnecting pipeline. The Commission will use this EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether or not the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

The LNG Clean Energy Project is currently in the preliminary design stage. At this time no formal application has been filed with the FERC. For this project, the FERC staff is initiating its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review prior to receiving the application. This will allow interested stakeholders to be involved early in project planning and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. A docket number (PF05-5-000) has been established to place information filed by Gulf LNG and related documents issued by the Commission, into the public record.¹ Once a formal application is filed with the FERC, a new docket number will be established.

This notice is being sent to residents within 0.5 mile of the proposed LNG terminal site; landowners along the pipeline route under consideration; federal, state, and local government

agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; and local libraries and newspapers.

With this notice, we² are asking these and other Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies which would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described later in this notice. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Some affected landowners may be contacted by a project representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed pipeline. If so, the company should seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. In the event that the project is certificated by the Commission, that approval conveys the right of eminent domain for securing easements for the pipeline. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

Summary of the Proposed Project

The facility location would be in Bayou Casotte (East) Harbor, Port of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, approximately 14 nautical miles from the sea buoy in the Gulf of Mexico and 10 nautical miles from the barrier islands that separate the Gulf of Mexico from the Mississippi Sound. The LNG site would be accessible from the Bayou Casotte Ship Channel which is 42 feet deep and 350 feet wide. The facilities would consist of an LNG import terminal that would unload LNG from ships and transfer it to two 160,000 cubic meter containment LNG storage tanks on shore. The facility would have the capacity to process an average of one billion cubic feet of LNG per day. In addition, up to about five miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline would be constructed from the LNG terminal to transport the natural gas to Destin Pipeline Company. The project would consist of the following facilities:

- An LNG terminal consisting of a berth and unloading dock and jetty to accommodate one LNG carrier. The

berth and dock would be designed to service LNG carriers ranging in capacity from 87,000 cubic meters (m³) to 138,000 m³. The anticipated level of traffic at full terminal capacity would be 115 ships per year.

- Two 160,000 cubic meter full containment LNG storage tanks on shore; and

- About five miles of 36-inch-diameter send-out pipeline that would connect with Destin Pipeline near Pascagoula, Mississippi.

A map depicting the proposed terminal site and the proposed pipeline route is provided in appendix 1.^{3 4}

Land Requirements

The proposed LNG terminal would be located within approximately 40 acres of land within a 259-acre property under control of the Port of Pascagoula at the entrance to Bayou Casotte and accessible via the Pascagoula Ship Channel. The project would require dredging of a turning basin and berth to achieve the required size and depth to accommodate the LNG tanker ships. The terminal site contains about eight acres of wetlands, but the current conceptual facility layout would avoid placement of equipment and facilities within the wetland area, except for the pipeline.

The send-out pipeline would parallel the outer perimeter of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredged material disposal area to its tie-in with Destin Pipeline. A right-of-way width was not specified in Gulf LNG's proposal.

The EIS Process

NEPA requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, or an import authorization under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act. NEPA also requires us to discover and address issues and concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch at (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice.

⁴ Requests for detailed maps of the facilities may be made to the company directly. Write, call, or e-mail: Neil Carter, Project Director, Gulf LNG Energy, LLC, 600 Travis, Suite 6800, Houston, Texas 77002; telephone No. 1-866-Gulf-LNG (e-mail NOI@gulfenergy.com); second contact: Erik Swenson, King & Spalding, 191 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303; telephone No. (404) 572-3540, (ESwenson@KSLAW.com). Be as specific as you can about the location(s) of your area(s) of interest.

¹ To view information in the docket, follow the instructions for using the eLibrary link at the end of this notice.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.