

assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CFB, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CFB's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Commission's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP06-71-000, CP06-72-000  
and CP06-73-000]

#### **Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation, SCG Pipeline, Inc., South Carolina Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Joint Application and Offer of Settlement**

March 3, 2006.

Take notice that on February 28, 2006, SCG Pipeline, Inc. (SCG) and South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (SCPC), for themselves and on behalf of Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (Carolina Gas) (collectively applicants), 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, filed a Joint Application and Offer of Settlement. The applicants request under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act certain Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing facilities acquisition and operation, approval for the provision of interstate natural gas transportation services, approval of an abandonment, and related blanket certificates. The applicants request that the Commission grant these approvals and certificates no

later than July 31, 2006, so that Carolina Gas can commence operations as an interstate pipeline subject to the Commission's jurisdiction in time for the 2006-2007 winter season.

These filings are on file with Commission and open to public inspection. They may be 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. There is also 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the applications and Offer of Settlement should be directed to Ryan C. Leahy, Manager of Transportation Services, South Carolina Pipeline Corporation, 105 New Way Road, Columbia, SC 29223, Phone: (803) 217-7377.

The applicants are requesting certificates and other authorizations necessary to permit: (1) The merger of SCG into SCPC to form a single, integrated interstate pipeline, subject to Commission jurisdiction [Carolina Gas]; (2) the operation of such interstate pipeline by Carolina Gas, the entity to be formed as a result of the merger; (3) the provision of jurisdictional services by Carolina Gas pursuant to the initial rates and FERC Gas Tariff proposed in the settlement and applications; and (4) the abandonment, by merger, of SCG's FERC-certificated facilities and the cancellation of SCG's FERC Gas Tariff, and any other authorizations granted to SCG by the Commission. The applicants also request that the Commission grant Carolina Gas a blanket certificate authorizing Carolina Gas to transport gas on behalf of others pursuant to subpart G, section 284.221 of the Commission's regulations; and a blanket certificate authorizing certain construction and operation of facilities and abandonment under NGA section 7 pursuant to subpart F, sections 157.201-218 of the Commission's regulations.

Importantly, pursuant to sections 385.207(a)(5) and 385.602, the applicants also include an Offer of Settlement for the Commission's acceptance of a Stipulation and Agreement, which is a negotiated resolution of the matters arising in connection with the applicants' requests for certificate and abandonment authority. The applicants say that the terms and conditions of the settlement

are the product of substantial inter-customer negotiation and compromise, as well as negotiation and compromise between the applicants and their customers. They say that the settlement reflects an overall balancing of the various competing interests among customers and among applicants and the various customer constituencies.

Docket No. CP06-71-000 is assigned to the requests to authorize facilities acquisition and operation, for approval for the provision of interstate natural gas transportation services, for approval of abandonment by SCG Pipeline, Inc. Docket No. CP06-72-000 is assigned to the part 157, subpart F blanket certificate request and Docket No. CP06-73-000 is assigned to the part 284, subpart G blanket certificate request. The Offer of Settlement encompasses and is related to all three dockets.

The applicants say that upon Commission approval of the authorizations they request, SCG, currently an interstate pipeline regulated by the FERC, will merge into SCPC, currently a non-FERC jurisdictional intrastate pipeline. SCPC intrastate services will end on the merger effective date. SCPC will relinquish its Hinshaw exemption, become subject to the Commission's jurisdiction over interstate pipelines, and change its name to Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation. Following the merger, the resulting entity, Carolina Gas, will own and operate all of the facilities that were owned and operated by SCG and SCPC at the time of the merger.

The applicants says that the resulting Carolina Gas pipeline will be a reticulated web-like system providing open access, unbundled, firm and interruptible transportation services and interruptible parking and lending service for interstate gas markets. Carolina Gas will transport gas supplies received from the Southern Natural Gas Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation pipelines, which access various gas supply regions including the Gulf Coast, north Louisiana and north Texas, as well as LNG supplied at Elba Island, Georgia. They say that the Carolina Gas system will increase natural gas supply diversity and competition in and beyond the southeastern United States and provide much needed interstate infrastructure without the delay, uncertainty and environmental disturbances inherent in a new construction project.

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. Comments, interventions and protests to the applications must be filed on or before the comment date.

Also in this proceeding, initial comments to the Offer of Settlement must be filed on or before the comment date, and reply comments on the Offer of Settlement, if desired, must be filed on or before the reply comment date. Anyone filing an initial or reply comments on the settlement, motions to intervene or protests must serve a copy of those documents on the applicants. However, on or before the reply comment date, it is not necessary to serve comments, motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the applicants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments, 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 comments, protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* March 31, 2006.

*Reply Comment Date:* April 10, 2006.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-398-000; ER06-399-000]

#### Duquesne Keystone, LLC; Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 3, 2006.

Duquesne Keystone, LLC and Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC (collectively, the Duquesne Group) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with accompanying rate schedules. The proposed market-based rate schedules provide for the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary at market-based rates. The Duquesne Group also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, the Duquesne

Group requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by the Duquesne Group.

On March 2, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by the Duquesne Group should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is April 3, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, the Duquesne Group is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Duquesne Group, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of the Duquesne Group's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the

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**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-69-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Petition

March 3, 2006.

Take notice that on February 27, 2006, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(c)(1)(B)), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drilling a test well and performing other activities to assess the feasibility of developing an underground natural gas storage facility in Pinal County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be 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, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the petition should be directed to Richard Derryberry, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, phone (719) 520-3782 or fax (719) 667-7534.

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