

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Florida Southeast Connection, LLC	CP14-554-000
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC	CP15-16-000
Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC	CP15-17-000

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
OF THE SOUTHEAST MARKET PIPELINES PROJECT

(May 13, 2015)

On September 26, 2014 and November 18 and 21, 2014 the Florida Southeast Connection, LLC, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, and Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC, respectively filed applications requesting Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed projects are known as the Southeast Market Pipelines Project (SMP Project) and are designed to meet the growing demand for natural gas by the electric generation, distribution, and end use markets in the Southeast United States.

In accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) policy, Notices of Application for the respective projects were issued. Among other things, the notices alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the SMP Project. This notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS	November 20, 2015
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline	February 18, 2016

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the SMP Project's progress.

Project Description

The Hillabee Expansion Project consists of approximately 43 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas transmission looping pipeline and associated facilities, one new compressor station, and several compressor station modifications in Alabama and connects with the Sabal Trail Project. The Sabal Trail Project consists of approximately 500 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline, five new compressor stations, and associated facilities in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The FSC Project includes 77 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline and 49 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, all located in Florida. The FSC Project would connect with the Sabal Trail Project in Osceola County, Florida.

Background

The respective companies began the FERC's pre-filing environmental review process in the Fall of 2013 (Docket Nos. PF14-1-000, PF14-2-000, and PF14-6-000). A *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Southeast Market Pipelines Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings (NOI)* was issued on February 18, 2014.

The NOI was sent to federal, state and local government agencies; elected officials; affected landowners; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; commentors and other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Major issues raised during scoping included potential impacts on karst geology, springs, water quality, wetlands, waterbodies, threatened and endangered species, socioeconomic impacts, environmental justice; the potential cumulative resource impacts; and recommended project alternatives. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

Additional information about the SMP Project may be obtained by contacting the Environmental Project Manager, Mr. John Peconom, by telephone at (202) 502-6352 or by electronic mail at john.peconom@ferc.gov.

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