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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-503-000]

#### Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 25, 2000.

Take notice that on August 21, 2000, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 the following revised tariff sheets to be effective March 27, 2000.

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6  
First Revised Sheet No. 60  
First Revised Sheet No. 61  
First Revised Sheet No. 62  
First Revised Sheet No. 63  
First Revised Sheet No. 69

Crossroads indicated the that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the requirements of Order Nos. 637 and 637-A with respect to the revised rules governing capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-502-000]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 25, 2000.

Take notice that on August 21, 2000, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following revised tariff sheets to be effective March 27, 2000.

Third Revised Sheet No. 297  
Second Revised Sheet No. 300  
Second Revised Sheet No. 301

Granite State indicated that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the requirements of Order Nos. 637 and 637-A with respect to the revised rules governing capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00-428-000 and RP91-143-050]

#### Great Lakes Gas Transmission; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

August 25, 2000.

On August 21, 2000, the Public Service Commission of the State of New York (New York), filed a request for an extension of time to September 5, 2000, within which to file comments in the above-docketed proceeding. New York avers it only recently learned of the subject filing and needs more time to secure a copy and an opportunity to review it. As more fully detailed below, New York's motion is granted.

On July 31, 2000, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) filed a Joint Stipulation and Agreement Regarding Rates (Settlement) pursuant to Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. In its motion, New York further states it has an interest in the proceeding as it impacts the terms of service and the rates charged ratepayers in the state of New York.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time within which parties may file comments in the above-docketed proceeding is granted. Initial Comments on the Settlement will now be due on September 5, 2000, and Reply Comments will now be due on September 14, 2000.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP00-40-000 and -001]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company; Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed FGT Phase V Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Site Visit

August 25, 2000.

On August 1, 2000, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) filed, in Docket No. CP00-40-001, to amend its pending application for the Phase V

Expansion Project.<sup>1</sup> This amendment reflects facility and routing modifications proposed by FGT as a result of community dialog, updated survey and engineering information, and market changes.

The FERC staff will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the FGT Phase V Expansion Project, as amended, in various counties of Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. These facilities would consist of about 191.5 miles of pipeline and 125,215 horsepower (HP) of additional compression. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner on FGT's proposed route and receive this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice FGT provided to landowners along and adjacent to the proposed route. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)).

This supplemental notice is being sent to landowners of property crossed by and adjacent to FGT's proposed route for the newly proposed or modified facilities; Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects; local libraries and newspapers; and parties that responded

<sup>1</sup> FGT's original application in Docket No. CP00-40-000 was filed with the Commission under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act on December 1, 1999 and consisted of about 215.4 miles of pipeline, 15.7 miles of rehabilitated mainline, and 89,765 horsepower of additional compression.

to our original Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI) for this project.<sup>2</sup> State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Additionally, with this notice we are asking those Federal, state, local and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments described below.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has already expressed an interest in being a cooperating agency for this EIS.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT proposes to build additional new natural gas pipeline and compression facilities to transport an annual average of 305,819 million British thermal units per day of natural gas to serve new markets, primarily electric generation facilities, in Florida. FGT requests Commission authorization to:

- Construct about 191.5 miles of pipeline including:
  - 88.4 miles of looping<sup>3</sup> on the existing mainline in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida;
  - 29.1 miles of new lateral in Alabama; and
  - 74.0 miles of new laterals and lateral loops in Florida;
- Install a total of about 125,215 hp of compression at eight existing, one previously planned<sup>4</sup>, and three new compressor stations;
- Construct two regulator stations; and
- Construct one meter station.

FGT will also acquire from Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (KGPC) an interest in KGPC's Mobile Bay Lateral that would give FGT the rights to about 50 percent of the available capacity on system. Concurrent with FGT's filing in Docket No. CP00-40-000 (December 1, 1999), KGPC filed an application in

<sup>2</sup> The original NOI for FGT's Phase V Expansion Project was issued by the Commission on February 11, 2000, to all potentially interested parties.

<sup>3</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

<sup>4</sup> FGT requested and received authorization in Docket No. CP99-94-000 to construct Compressor Station 24.

Docket No. CP00-39-000 for approval to abandon by sale to FGT the interest in its Mobile Bay Lateral.

The general location of FGT's proposed project facilities is shown on the map attached as appendix 1. A more detailed description of the facilities and the changes proposed by FGT is included in appendix 2.<sup>5</sup>

FGT also made changes in the proposed routing of several facilities. FGT has notified all newly affected landowners of its new facilities and route changes, and sent copies of its application to the Commission and detailed route maps of the Phase V Project to libraries in the project area. Appendix 3 lists the libraries where you can view these materials. The major routing changes are summarized below.

- Loop G—The right-of-way has been relocated to the east side of the existing Florida Power Corporation (FPC) corridor. The pipeline is proposed to be 5 feet inside the eastern edge of the FPC corridor, southward from Compressor Station 26 to approximate milepost (MP) 104.9 where it crosses the FPC corridor and ties in with the existing FGT West Leg pipeline. Additional FGT permanent easement will be acquired east of the FPC corridor.

- Gulf Power Lateral—The centerline of the route was moved westward approximately 20 feet for approximately 7.0 miles (from MP 16.3 to MP 23.2) to accommodate the proposed expansion of State Highway 77 in Bay County, Florida. A minor route variation to avoid a parallel waterbody (approximate MP 9.0) was also made and resulted in a new landowner being affected.

- Compressor Station 16—Up to 10 acres of additional land will be purchased for the construction of the new station.

- Compressor Station 31—The layout of Compressor Station 31 has been modified to avoid placement of above ground facilities in onsite wetlands. Additionally, the distance to the nearest noise sensitive area has been increased to approximately 900 feet.

- DeBary Regulator—The DeBary Regulator has been relocated to the junction of the Sanford and FP&L Laterals at MP 14.6/0.0 in Volusia County, Florida.

<sup>5</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of FGT's proposed pipeline facilities would require about 2,252.8 acres of land including the construction right-of-way, extra workspaces, and contractor/pipe yards. In general, FGT proposes to use a 75- to 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Following construction and restoration of the right-of-way and temporary work spaces, FGT would retain a 30- to 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way. Total land requirements for the new permanent right-of-way would be about 664.1 acres.

FGT proposes to acquire 80 acres for the construction of the newly proposed compressor stations and upgrades to existing facilities, although only 28 acres would be used during construction. Once construction is complete, the lands used for construction would be restored.

### The EIS Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (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. NEPA also requires us to solicit and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EIS on the important environmental issues. By this NOI, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EIS. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EIS.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the Draft EIS which will be mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, affected landowners and other interested individuals, Indian tribes, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A 45-day comment period will be allotted for review of the Draft EIS. We will consider all comments on the Draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a Final EIS. The Final EIS will include our response to each comment received on the Draft EIS and will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether to approve the project.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. We have already

identified a number of issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by FGT. These issues are listed below. This is a preliminary list of issues and may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Soils and Geology
  - Impact on prime farmland soils.
  - Mixing of topsoil and subsoil during construction.
  - Compaction of soil by heavy equipment.
  - Erosion control and right-of-way restoration.
  - Impact on mineral resources.
  - Potential geologic hazards including sinkholes.
- Water Resources
  - Impact on 95 perennial waterbodies including Puppy Creek, Big Creek, Little Bear Creek, Clearwater Lake, Globe Creek, Water Oak Creek, the Mobile River, the St. John's River, and the Wekiva River.
  - Impact on several Florida state aquatic preserve areas associated with the Wekiva and St. John's Rivers.
  - Impact on groundwater and surface water supplies.
  - Impact on areas with shallow groundwater.
  - Effect of crossing waterbodies with contaminated sediments.
  - Potential for erosion and sediment transport to area waterbodies.
  - Impact on wetland hydrology.
- Biological Resources
  - Short- and long-term effects of right-of-way clearing and maintenance on wetlands, forests, riparian areas, and vegetarian communities of special concern.
  - Impact on wildlife and fishery habitats.
  - Impact on conservation areas.
  - Potential impact on Federal- and state-listed threatened or endangered species.
  - Potential impact on U.S. Forest Service-listed sensitive species.
- Cultural Resources
  - Effect on historic and prehistoric sites.
  - Native American concerns.
- Socioeconomics
  - Effect of the construction workforce on demands for services in surrounding areas.
- Land Use
  - Impact on residential areas (77 residences within 50 feet of the construction work area).
  - Impact on public lands and special use areas including the Lake Butler Wildlife Management Area, Ocala National Forest, Seminole State Forest,

Rock Springs Run State Reserve, Lower Wekiva River State Reserve, and Williams Road County Park.

—Impact on future land uses and consistency with local land use plans and zoning.

—Visual effect of the new aboveground facilities on surrounding areas.

- Air Quality and Noise
    - Construction impact on local air quality and noise environment.
    - Impact on local air quality and noise environment resulting from the installation of new compression equipment and the construction and operation of three new compressor stations.
  - Pipeline Reliability and Safety
  - Cumulative Impact
    - Effect of the Phase V Expansion Project combined with that of other projects that have been or may be proposed in the same region and similar time frames.
  - Nonjurisdictional Facilities
    - Consideration of the effects of construction of the pipeline facilities planned by TECO/Peoples Gas System (Peoples) in connection with deliveries from FGT for Peoples' Daytona-area customers, and for the Jacksonville Electric Authority's Brandy Branch Generating Station.
  - Alternatives
    - Evaluation of possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and identification of recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts of the various resource areas.
- ### Public Participation and Scoping Meetings
- You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:
- Send *two* copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426.
  - Label *one* copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;
  - Reference Docket Nos. CP00-040-000 and -001; and

• Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before September 25, 2000.

All commenters will be retained on our mailing list. If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to stay informed and receive copies of the Draft and Final EISs, you must return the attached Information Request (appendix 5). If you do not send comments or return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend a public scoping meeting the FERC will conduct in the project area.<sup>6</sup> The location and time for this meeting is: Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., Radisson-Hotel Tampa at Sabal Park, 10221 Princess Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610, (813) 246-7135.

The public meeting is designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. FGT representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript of the meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

#### Site Visit

On September 13, 14, and 15, 2000, we will also be conducting limited site visits to FGT's proposed facility locations in Hillsborough, Citrus, Gilchrist, and Hernando Counties, Florida. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor status is a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and

must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 4). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in the proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6861-6]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; SEA and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-Highway HD Engines, Nonroad Large CI Engines, On-Highway LD Vehicles and LD Trucks; Exemptions; Emission Defect Information and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports; Marine Certification and AB&T; Marine Production Line Testing; Marine In-Use Testing Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Selective Enforcement Auditing and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-highway Heavy Duty Engines, Nonroad Large Compression Ignition Engines, On-highway Light Duty Vehicles and Light Duty Trucks, EPA ICR Number 0011.09, OMB Control Number 2060-0064, expiration date: 8/30/00; Pre-Certification and Testing Exemption Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 0095.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0007, expiration date: 7/31/00; Emission Defect Information and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports, EPA ICR Number 0282.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0048, expiration date: 8/30/00; Spark Ignition Marine Engine Application for Emission Certification, and Participation in the Averaging, Banking, and Trading Program, EPA ICR Number 1722.02, Previous OMB Control Number 2060-0321, expiration date: 7/31/00. Marine Engine Manufacturers Production Line Testing Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1725.02, OMB Control Number 2060-0323, expiration date: 7/31/00; Marine Engine Manufacturer In-Use Testing Program, EPA ICR Number 1726.02, OMB Control Number 2060-0322, expiration date: 7/31/00.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Certification and Compliance Division, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Mail Code 6403J, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may request a copy of the ICRs without charge from the contact person below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nydia Y. Reyes-Morales, tel.: (202) 564-9264; fax: (202) 565-2057; e-mail: [reyes-morales.nydia@epa.gov](mailto:reyes-morales.nydia@epa.gov)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture engines.

*Title:* Selective Enforcement and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-Highway Heavy Duty Engines, Nonroad

<sup>6</sup> Other scoping meetings were held for this project in Prichard, Alabama (February 28, 2000); Southport, Florida (February 29, 2000); Crystal River, Florida (March 1, 2000); and Sanford, Florida (March 2, 2000).