

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 may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-6-000]

Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Gulfstream Pipeline Project

January 29, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (Gulfstream) in the above-referenced docket. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS menu, and follow the instructions.

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the Gulfstream Pipeline Project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The FEIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, route alternatives, and route variations.

The FEIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed facilities in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, and State and Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico. Gulfstream proposes to construct about 743 miles of various diameter pipeline, 128,000 horsepower (hp) of compression, 1 pressure regulating station, 22 meter stations, 4 manifold stations, 34 mainline valve sites, and 28 pig launchers or receivers.

The purpose of the Gulfstream Pipeline Project is to provide natural gas transportation service for up to 1.13 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d) of natural gas from supply areas in Alabama and Mississippi to new and existing markets in Florida. The primary market is for natural gas-fueled electric generation plants. The plants are needed to meet the forecasted substantial increases in consumption driven by Florida's projected population growth over the next 10 to 20 years.

This FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance

Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the FEIS has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups, individuals, and affected landowners who requested a copy of the FEIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding. The document is also available for viewing on the FERC website at www.ferc.fed.us, using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website described in the preceding paragraph. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-114-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 100-1 Abandonment Project

January 29, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed for abandonment by Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed Line 100-1 Abandonment Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of abandoning

719.5 miles of Trunkline's Line 100-1 pipeline. The 26-inch-diameter Line 100-1 extends from Douglas County, Illinois through Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, and terminates in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. Abandonment activities would involve minor ground disturbing activities at 147 sites along Line 100-1 to disconnect it from the other two pipelines on this portion of Trunkline's system. The majority of the work would be conducted at existing compressor station and meter station sites or within Trunkline's existing right-of-way. About 67 acres would be disturbed by these activities.

Following its abandonment, Line 100-1 would be transferred to Trunkline's affiliate, CMS Trunkline Pipeline Holdings, Inc. (TPH). TPH has entered into an agreement with Centennial Pipeline (a joint venture between Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, L.P. [TEPPCO] and Marathon Ashland Petroleum, L.L.C. [Marathon]) to convert and jointly operate the pipeline to transport refined petroleum products from the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast area to the Midwest. Although the conversion and related construction activities proposed by Centennial Pipeline (Centennial) are beyond the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction, the EA identifies the location and status of Centennial's proposed facilities, any known environmental impacts, and the agencies responsible for issuing permits for Centennial's project.

Once Line 100-1 has been disconnected from Trunkline's system, Centennial plans to conduct the following activities to convert Line 100-1 and develop its refined petroleum transportation system:

- Construct taps, valves, and other minor appurtenant facilities at 171 work sites (101 of which would also be affected by Trunkline's abandonment activities);
- Construct six new pump stations adjacent to Line 100-1;
- Construct about 75 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending from TEPPCO's existing Beaumont, Texas breakout storage terminal (BST) to the southern end of Line 100-1 near Longville, Louisiana;
- Construct a new 2.57-million-barrel BST near Creal Springs, Illinois¹; and
- Construct an interconnect to Marathon's existing pipeline system near Effingham, Illinois.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of

copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP00-114-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 26, 2001.

Comments may also 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). 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 this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (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 instruction. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 29, 2001.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Petition for Declaratory Order.
- b. *Docket No:* DI01-4-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 22, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* North Hartland, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* North Hartland Project.

f. *Location:* The North Hartland Hydroelectric Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' North Hartland Dam on the Ottaquechee River in Windsor County, Vermont. The project does not occupy additional Federal or Tribal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Robert L. Carey, Jr., North Hartland, LLC, P.O. Box 1107, Great Falls, VA 22066, telephone (703) 561-0611, FAX (703) 561-0609, E-Mail rcarey84@erols.com

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diane M. Murray at (202) 219-2682, or E-mail address: diane.murray@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* February 23, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy

¹ Centennial began site work at its Creal Springs BST in October 2000. Foundation work is scheduled to begin at the site in late January 2001.