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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-77-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Broad Run Expansion Project

On January 30, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-77-000 pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities, and authorization to abandon certain facilities, collectively known as the Broad Run Expansion Project (Project). The Project purpose is to provide an additional 200,000 dekatherms per day of firm incremental transportation service through construction of new compressor stations and replacement of compression facilities in West Virginia, Kentucky; and Tennessee.

On February 12, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its *Notice of Application* for the Project. The notice alerted agencies responsible for issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete necessary reviews and reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by Commission staff. This *Notice of Schedule* identifies the Commission staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA March 11, 2016
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline June 9, 2016

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

Project Description

Tennessee proposes to build four new compressor stations and add compression at two existing compressor stations. Tennessee also proposes to improve efficiency and reduce certain emissions by replacing older existing compression facilities on its system with newer compressor units.

The Project would include construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Two new compressor stations in Kanawha County, West Virginia, to be known as the Tyler Mountain Compressor Station (CS 118A) and the Rocky Fork Compressor Station (CS 119A);
- a new compressor station in Madison County, Kentucky, to be known as the Richmond Compressor Station (CS 875);
- a new compressor station in Davidson County, Tennessee, to be known as the Pinnacle Compressor Station (CS 563); and
- modifications (including abandonment and replacement of certain compression units, system components, and associated facilities) at the existing Clay City Compressor Station in Powell County, Kentucky (CS 106), and the existing Catlettsburg Compressor Station in Boyd County, Kentucky (CS 114).

Background

On May 1, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Broad Run Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to Tennessee's application and the NOI, the Commission received comments from many affected landowners, interested individuals and organizations, elected officials, and agencies. Commentors included U.S. Representative Andy Barr, Kentucky State Representative Terry Mills, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Madison County Fiscal Court, Allegheny Defense Project, Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment, Freshwater Accountability Project, Heartwood, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Tennessee Valley Authority, ByFaith Farm LLC, and Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

The primary issues raised by the commentors included concerns about potential impacts on organic farms and wildlife, including Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation Center; air quality and noise impacts; public safety; and aspects of the FERC process.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time spent researching proceedings by automatically providing notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

The FERC's eLibrary system can also be used to search formal issuances and submittals from the public docket. To use, select the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu located at www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP15-77), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

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[Docket Nos. CP14-554-000; CP15-16-000; CP15-17-000]

Florida Southeast Connection, LLC; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Southeast Market Pipelines Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Hillabee Expansion, Sabal Trail, and Florida Southeast Connection (FSC) Projects as proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC (Sabal Trail), and Florida Southeast Connection, LLC (FSC), respectively, in the above-referenced dockets. These are separate, but connected, natural gas transmission pipeline projects collectively referred to as the Southeast Market Pipelines (SMP) Project. The applicants request authorization to construct and operate a total of about 686.0 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities, six new natural gas-fired compressor stations, and modify existing compressor stations in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The SMP Project would provide about 1.1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to meet growing demands by the electric generation, distribution, and end use markets in Florida and the southeast United States.

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the SMP Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the SMP Project would have some adverse environmental impacts; however, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of the applicants' proposed mitigation and the additional measures recommended in the final EIS.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the final EIS. The USACE has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposals and participate in the NEPA analysis. The USACE may adopt and use the EIS as it has jurisdictional authority pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which governs the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which regulates any work or structures that potentially affect the navigable capacity of navigable waters of the United States; and section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act which regulates the temporary occupation of water-related structures constructed by the United States. Although the cooperating agency provides input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EIS, the agency will present its own

conclusions and recommendations in its Record of Decision for the project.

The final EIS of the SMP Project addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following project facilities:

The Hillabee Expansion Project would include:

- Approximately 43.5 miles of new 42- and 48-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline loop¹ in Alabama;
- one new compressor station in Choctaw County, Alabama and modifications to three existing compressor stations in Dallas, Chilton, and Coosa Counties, Alabama; and
- installation of pig² launchers/receivers and mainline valves (MLVs).

The Sabal Trail Project would include:

- approximately 516.2 miles of new natural gas pipeline in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, including:
 - 481.6 miles of 36-inch-diameter mainline pipeline in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida;
 - the 21.5-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter Citrus County Line in Florida; and
 - the 13.1-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter Hunters Creek Line in Florida;
- five new compressor stations in Tallapoosa County, Alabama; Dougherty County, Georgia; and Suwannee, Marion, and Osceola Counties, Florida;
- subsequent modifications to two of the new compressor stations in Dougherty County, Georgia and Suwannee County, Florida; and
- installation of pig launchers/receivers, MLVs, and meter and regulating stations.

The FSC Project would include:

- approximately 126.3 miles of new 30- and 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Florida; and
- installation of pig launchers/receivers, MLVs, and meter and regulating stations.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the final EIS to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. Paper copy versions of the final EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a

¹ A loop is a segment of pipe that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. A loop generally allows more gas to move through the system.

² A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and dry a pipeline and/or to inspect it for damage or corrosion.

CD version. In addition, the final EIS is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Additional information about the SMP Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP14-554, CP15-16, and CP15-17). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676; for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Commission Information Collection Activities; Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collections and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or