

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP23-466-000]

**Great Basin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the 2024 Expansion Project**

On May 1, 2023, Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin) filed an application in Docket No. CP23-466-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the 2024 Expansion Project (Project), and would provide 5,674 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation service for two existing firm transportation shippers. The expansion would require construction of approximately 3.41 miles of upsized or looped pipeline segments across Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties, Nevada.

On May 15, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA—November 28, 2023  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline<sup>2</sup>—February 26, 2024

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

<sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

**Project Description**

Great Basin proposes to: (1) construct approximately 0.25 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop along its Carson Lateral in Storey County, Nevada, referred to as the Truckee Canal segment; (2) abandon and replace approximately 2.88 miles of existing 10-inch-diameter pipeline with new 20-inch-diameter pipeline along the Carson Lateral in Lyon County, Nevada, referred to as the Silver Springs segment; and (3) construct approximately 0.28 mile of 12-inch-diameter pipeline loop paralleling its South Tahoe Lateral in Douglas County, Nevada, referred to as the Kingsbury segment. Additionally, Great Basin would install new aboveground valves and associated piping at its existing White Sage Pressure Limiting Station and at the Fort Churchill Valve Assembly on the Silver Springs pipeline segment in Lyon County, Nevada. Great Basin would also install one new belowground valve assembly and a below-ground hot tap at the terminus point of the Kingsbury pipeline segment in Douglas County, Nevada.

**Background**

On June 15, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Great Basin 2024 Expansion Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping 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 the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments in support of the Project from Southwest Gas Corporation and comments in protest from the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection. The primary issues raised by the Nevada Attorney General are associated with project need, capacity, and rates. All substantive environmental comments will be addressed in the EA.

The Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

**Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links

to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview/register-for-eSubscription>.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP23-466), 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: July 10, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP23-492-000]

**Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed South Louisiana Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document, that will discuss the environmental impacts of the South Louisiana Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) in St. Landry, East Baton Rouge, and Washington Parishes, Louisiana and Perry County, Mississippi. The Commission will use

this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on August 7, 2023. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on June 2, 2023, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP23–492–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about

the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

FGT provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

### Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is also on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on “*eRegister*.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP23–492–000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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### Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT proposes to increase its certificated capacity and throughput at certain compressor stations, and construct, modify, install, own, operate, and maintain certain compression and auxiliary facilities in St. Landry, East Baton Rouge, and Washington Parishes, Louisiana and Perry County, Mississippi. The South Louisiana Project would provide 100 billion British thermal units per day of additional natural gas firm transportation capacity to Florida Power & Light Company. This project would expand Florida Power and Light Company’s flow path back into FGT’s Zone 2 pool and provide gas to downstream customers, which includes power generation and local distribution companies.

The South Louisiana Project would consist of the following facilities at existing compressor stations:

- Compressor Station 7.5—Uprate two existing natural gas-fired compressor turbines (Units 7501 and 7502), each from 6,500 horsepower (hp) to 7,700 hp, for an overall certificated compressor station increase of 2,400 hp. FGT would also modify existing auxiliary facilities under section 2.55(a) of the Commission's regulations, as required to support compressor station operations.

- Compressor Station 8—Add process cooling units to support the existing gas compressors. In addition, FGT would modify existing auxiliary facilities under section 2.55(a) of the Commission's regulations, including electrical distribution and communications infrastructure, station piping, and valving, as required to support operation of the new cooling units. No change to the certificated HP is proposed at Compressor Station 8.

- Compressor Station 9—Install one new 7,700 hp natural gas-fired turbine (Solar Taurus 60) compressor unit. FGT would modify existing station auxiliary facilities under section 2.55(a) of the Commission's regulations, including new process cooling units to support the new and existing gas compressors, electrical distribution and communications infrastructure, and station piping and valving as required to support compressor station operations.

- Compressor Station 10—Install one new 15,900 hp natural gas-fired turbine (Solar Mars 100) compressor unit. FGT would modify existing station auxiliary facilities under section 2.55(a) of the Commission's regulations, including new process cooling units to support the new and existing gas compressors, electrical distribution and communications infrastructure, and station piping and valving as required to support compressor station operations.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would only disturb land owned by FGT at the existing compressor station sites. FGT would only use public roads and its existing access roads during construction and operation. All disturbed areas would occur within the

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary". For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (888) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

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#### NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by the Commission will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- socioeconomic;
- environmental justice;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

Following this scoping period, Commission staff will determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or the EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. If Commission staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its decision regarding the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/ Notice of Schedule* will be issued, which will open up an additional comment period. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS which will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary<sup>2</sup> and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/>)

<sup>2</sup> For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

*environmental-documents*). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.<sup>3</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

#### Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>4</sup> The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all

<sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1501.8.

<sup>4</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to [GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov](mailto:GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov) stating your request. You must include the docket number CP23-492-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

Dated: July 7, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-564-5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

Filed June 30, 2023 10 a.m. EST

Through July 10, 2023 10 a.m. EST  
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*Notice:* Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20230084, Draft Supplement, USFS, ID, Crow Creek Pipeline Project, Comment Period Ends: 10/12/2023, Contact: Robbert Mickelsen 208-557-5764.

EIS No. 20230085, Draft Supplement, USFS, UT, High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis, Comment Period Ends: 08/28/2023, Contact: Paul Cowley 801-999-2177.

Dated: July 10, 2023.

**Cindy S. Barger,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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EIS No. 20230085, Draft Supplement, USFS, UT, High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis, Comment Period Ends: 08/28/2023, Contact: Paul Cowley 801-999-2177.

Dated: July 10, 2023.

**Cindy S. Barger,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0855; FR ID 154354]

#### Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might "further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees."

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before August 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting into [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the