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Applicants: American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Description: American Electric Power Service Corp on behalf of Ohio Power Co submits a revised Notice of Termination of Interconnection and Operating Agreement with Lawrence Energy Center, LLC.

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Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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 proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail

notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-29-000]

Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Gulfstream Phase IV Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 28, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.'s (Gulfstream) planned Phase IV Expansion Project located in Florida and Alabama. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the projects. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on July 31, 2006.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

At this time we request that comments be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the public participation section of this notice. For further information and an opportunity to provide comments, you are invited to attend Gulfstream's public open house meetings that are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 6-8 p.m.:

Hillsborough County Commission

Building, 601 East Kennedy Blvd., 18th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602.
Wednesday, July 12, 2006, 6-8 p.m.:
Weedon Island Preserve, Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.
Thursday, July 13, 2006, 6-8 p.m.:
Manatee Civic Center, Palma Sola Room, One Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL 34221.

The primary purpose for the open house sessions is to identify potential siting issues so that they could be appropriately addressed. At the open houses, Gulfstream representatives will be available to discuss the various aspects of the project (e.g., land, construction, environmental, design/engineering, and operations) and will meet individually with attendees to outline how pipelines and related facilities are sited, approved, built, and operated. Aerial photography and offshore survey maps showing route alternatives will be made available to encourage comments on the proposed project. Information on the FERC process will also be available.

In addition to the open houses, Gulfstream has established a toll-free phone number (888-GAS-4-FLA), an e-mail address (gulfstream@williams.com), and has developed a project Web site (<http://www.gulfstreamgas.com/phase4.htm>). Information included on the project Web site includes: The route selection process; the regulatory overview, with links to the FERC Web site; construction procedures; pipeline safety; and contact information.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (Progress Energy) is scheduled to re-power its Bartow Power Plant. The 472-megawatt (MW) oil-fired plant is scheduled to be re-powered with three combined cycle gas turbines that will generate 1,100 MW of power. Progress Energy has requested, and Gulfstream has agreed to provide 0.155 billion cubic feet per day of firm natural gas transportation service to the Bartow Plant. In order to provide the requested transportation service, it is necessary for Gulfstream to expand its current system, as described below.

Gulfstream is proposing to construct approximately 17.74 miles of 20-inch-diameter offshore pipeline from a proposed underwater hot tap with the existing 36-inch-diameter Gulfstream Pipeline (Line 200) in Hillsborough County waters of Tampa Bay and connecting to the existing Progress Energy Bartow Power Plant (Bartow Plant) on the east shore of St. Petersburg in Pinellas County, Florida. The project would also require the installation of

45,000 horsepower (hp) of new compression. One 15,000 hp compressor unit would be added at Gulfstream's existing compressor station in Coden, Alabama and a new compressor station with two 15,000-hp units would be constructed at an existing pressure reduction station site in Manatee County, Florida.

The proposed offshore pipeline would head north-northeast from the proposed hot tap location and would cross Port Manatee channel, cross Cut "C" of Tampa Bay channel, turn in a north-northwest direction, cross Cut "G" of Tampa Bay channel and Cut "K" of Tampa Bay channel, enter Pinellas County waters, turn almost due west, cross the Bartow Channel and enter the south side of the Bartow Plant. The pipeline would be buried to maintain a minimum of 3 feet of cover between the top of the pipeline and the natural bay bottom, in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. The four channel crossings would be installed by horizontal directional drills (HDD) under each channel and would be buried with a cover of 10 or more feet below the design bottom of each channel. The shore approach to the Bartow Plant would also be installed by HDD and would start at the Bartow Channel, thereby avoiding sensitive nearshore habitats.

In order to meet the in-service dates requested by Progress Energy, Gulfstream intends to place the proposed pipeline in service by September 1, 2008, and the compression in service by January 1, 2009.

Location maps depicting Gulfstream's proposed facilities are provided in Appendix 1.¹

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

At this time no formal application has been filed with the FERC. For this project, the FERC staff has initiated its NEPA review prior to receiving the application. The purpose of our Pre-Filing Process is to involve interested stakeholders early in project planning and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the

proposed facilities, environmental information provided by Gulfstream, and comments provided by other agencies. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis;

- Potential indirect impacts (*e.g.*, turbidity and sedimentation) to submerged aquatic vegetation;
- Safety and noise concerns for the new compressor station facilities;
- Potential conflicts with future ship channel improvements;
- Potential impacts to aquatic preserves;
- Net benefits to air quality;
- Potential impacts to manatees, sea turtles, and sawfish.

The EA Process

The FERC will use the EA to consider the environmental impact that could result if it issues Gulfstream a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

This notice formally announces our preparation of the EA and the beginning of the process referred to as "scoping." We² are soliciting input from the public and interested agencies to help us focus the analysis in the EA on the potentially significant environmental issues related to the proposed action.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in an EA that will be prepared for the project. Our evaluation will also include possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and we will make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas of concern.

The EA will be mailed to Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; affected landowners; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers; and the FERC's official service list for this proceeding. A 30-day comment period will be allotted for review of the EA. We will consider all comments submitted on the EA in any Commission Order that is issued for the project.

We are currently involved in discussions with other jurisdictional agencies to identify their issues and concerns. These agencies include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. By this notice, we are asking these and other Federal, State, and local agencies with

jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the proposals. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 31, 2006 and carefully follow these instructions:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, DG2E; and
- Reference Docket No. PF06-29-000 on the original and both copies.

Please note that the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

When Gulfstream submits its application for authorization to construct and operate the Phase IV Expansion Project, the Commission will publish a Notice of Application in the **Federal Register** and will establish a deadline for interested persons to intervene in the proceeding. Because the Commission's Pre-filing Process occurs before an application to begin a proceeding is officially filed, petitions to intervene during this process are premature and will not be accepted by the Commission.

Environmental Mailing List

If you wish to remain on the environmental mailing list, please

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Web site (excluding maps) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the end of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.

return the Mailing List Retention Form included in Appendix 2. If you do not return this form, you will be taken off our mailing list.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208 FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., PF06-29-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Gulfstream Phase IV Expansion" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information. As indicated previously, Gulfstream has established an Internet Web site for its project at <http://www.gulfstreamgas.com/phase4.htm>. The Web site includes a project overview, contact information, regulatory overview, and construction procedures.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-365-000; Docket No. RP06-231-002]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Norstar Operating, LLC v. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

June 29, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in reference to the above-captioned proceeding on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 9 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's June 21, 2006 order in this proceeding directed that a technical conference be held to address the technical, engineering and operational issues raised by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia) proposed gas quality specifications filed in Docket No. RP06-365-000.¹ The order also found that Columbia's filing in Docket No. RP06-231-002 revising section 25.5(e) of its General Terms and Conditions should be addressed at the technical conference.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact David Faerberg at (202) 502-8275 or e-mail david.fajerberg@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Comment Meeting

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Millennium Pipeline L.L.C. (Docket Nos. CP98-150-006, CP98-150-007, and CP98-150-008); Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Docket Nos. CP98-151-003, CP98-151-004, and CP05-19-000); Empire State Pipeline and Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Docket Nos. CP06-5-000, CP06-6-000, and CP06-7-000); Algonquin Gas Transmission System (Docket No. CP06-76-000); and Iroquois Gas Transmission System (Docket No. CP02-31-002)

On July 18, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff will conduct comment meeting for the purpose of hearing comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) for the Northeast (NE)-07 Project which was issued on June 15, 2006 and which you should have received. The NE-07 Project would involve the construction and operation of natural gas facilities as proposed and described in the above-referenced dockets in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut and would include:

- The Millennium Pipeline Project—Phase I proposed by Millennium Pipeline L.L.C. and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia);
- The Line A-5 Replacement Project proposed by Columbia;
- The Empire Connector Project proposed by Empire State Pipeline and Empire Pipeline, Inc.;
- The Ramapo Expansion Project proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission System; and
- The MarketAccess Project proposed by Iroquois Gas Transmission System.

The SDEIS comment meeting will be on July 18, 2006, and will begin at 6 p.m. and will end no later than 9 p.m. (EST). The meeting will be held at: Brookfield High School Auditorium, 45 Longmeadow Hill Road, Brookfield, Connecticut.

Additional information about the project and the comment meeting is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, 115 FERC ¶ 61,351 (2006).