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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-474-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed **Putnam Expansion Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Putnam Expansion Project, proposed by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Florida Gas) in the above-referenced docket. Florida Gas requests authorization to provide 169,000 million British thermal units per day (MMBtu/d) of natural gas to subscribed Project shippers. Florida Gas also requests approval to upgrade facilities at Compressor Station 18 to increase reliability to existing shippers. The Project includes modifications to existing facilities and installation of new pipeline loops in Columbia, Union, Putnam, Clay, and Orange counties, Florida.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Putnam Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Putnam Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities in Florida:

- **West Loop**- install 13.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop¹ in Columbia and Union Counties;
- **East Loop**- install 7.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Clay and Putnam Counties;
- **Columbia/Union Receiver Station Relocation**- remove and relocate the

¹ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity. A “pig” is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

existing 30-inch-diameter loop pig receiver located at the beginning of the West Loop in Columbia County to a new pig receiver station to be installed at the terminus of the West Loop in Union County;

- **Clay/Putnam Receiver Station Relocation-** remove and relocate the existing 30-inch-diameter loop pig receiver located at the beginning of the East Loop in Clay County to a new pig receiver station to be installed at the terminus of the East Loop in Putnam County;
- **Compressor Station (CS) 18-** install new automated valves, over pressure protection device, and station piping at Florida Gas's existing CS 18 in Orange County, Florida.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* 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; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the Environmental Documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>), click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (i.e. CP19-474). 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, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on **January 6, 2020**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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 must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP19-474-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426

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). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

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) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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