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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 2
Southeast Supply Header, LLC
Docket Nos. CP07-44-000, CP07-45-000
PF06-28-000, and FERC EIS 0211

TO THE PARTY ADDRESSED:

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Southeast Supply Header, LLC (SESH) under the above-referenced dockets. SESH's Southeast Supply Header Project (Project) would be located in various counties and parishes in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

The Final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that the proposed Project, with the appropriate mitigation measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) are federal cooperating agencies for the development of this EIS. A federal cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved with the proposal and is involved in the NEPA analysis.

The purpose of the Project is to provide new transportation capacity that significantly enhances access to reliable, onshore gas supplies to serve growing demand in the Southeast. To provide this service, SESH proposes to construct and operate approximately 270 miles of natural gas pipeline and associated ancillary facilities capable of transporting up to approximately 1.14 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

The Final EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- approximately 104 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending southeasterly from Richland Parish, Louisiana to Lawrence County, Mississippi;
- approximately 165 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending southeasterly from Lawrence County, Mississippi to Mobile County, Alabama;
- approximately 1.7 miles of 6-, 16-, 20-, 24- and 42-inch-diameter laterals in Jefferson Davis, Covington, and Forrest counties, Mississippi and Mobile County, Alabama;
- three new compressor stations, the Delhi, Gwinville, and the Lucedale Compressor Stations, located in Richland Parish, Louisiana, and Jefferson Davis and George counties, Mississippi, respectively;
- two natural gas booster stations, the Collins Booster Station and Petal Booster Station in Covington and Forrest counties, Mississippi, respectively; and
- other ancillary facilities including 13 meter and regulator facilities, 18 mainline valves, 2 tap valves, and 3 pig launcher and/or receiver facilities.

Dependent upon Commission approval, SESH proposes to commence construction of the proposed Project in November 2007.

The Final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Public Reference Room
888 First Street N.E., Room 2-A
Washington, DC 20426
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A limited number of copies of the Final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Final EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project. Hard copies of the Final EIS have been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping and comment periods for the proposed Project.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes a notice of availability of a Final EIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the Final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. Should the FERC issue SESH authorizations for the proposed Project, it would be subject to a 30-day rehearing period. Therefore, the Commission could issue its decision concurrently with the EPA's notice of availability.

Additional information about the proposed Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov). To access information via the FERC website click on the "eLibrary" link then click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (i.e., CP07-44) excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The "eLibrary" link provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. For assistance with "eLibrary", please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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