

4:00 p.m. (Outreach Subcommittee)
 6:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (Public Comment Session)
 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (Individual Subcommittee Meetings)

Tuesday, March 24, 1998: 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at: Holiday Inn—Charleston on the Beach, One Center Street, Folly Beach, South Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Public Accountability Specialist, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725–5374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 23, 1998

2:00 p.m. Public comment session (5-minute rule)
 4:00 p.m. Joint subcommittee issues
 6:30 p.m. Issues-based subcommittee meetings
 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

8:30 a.m.
 Approval of minutes, agency updates (~ 15 minutes)
 Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)
 Environmental remediation and waste management subcommittee report (~ 2 hours)
 Risk management & future use subcommittee report (~ 1 hour)
 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch
 Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)
 Environmental management integration (~ 1 hour)
 Transportation overview (tentative) (~ 30 minutes)
 Recommendation review (~ 30 minutes)
 Nuclear materials management subcommittee (~ 15 minutes)
 Administrative subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)
 —Includes by-laws amendments proposal and membership election
 Budget report (~ 10 minutes)
 Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)
 4:00 p.m.
 Adjourn
 If necessary, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, March 23, 1998.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725–5374.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 2, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–249–000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

March 2, 1998.

Take notice that on February 24, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (Florida Gas), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application in Docket No. CP98–249–000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. Florida Gas seeks authority to acquire firm and interruptible transportation services from an intrastate pipeline; and to construct, own, and operate a short pipeline lateral and delivery point in Washington County, Alabama. The details of Florida Gas's proposal are

more fully set forth in its application which is on file with the Commission and available for public inspection.

Florida Gas proposes to:

- (1) Construct, own and operate about one mile of 10-inch lateral and a new delivery point in Washington County, Alabama for deliveries to Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power); and
- (2) Acquire firm and interruptible capacity on Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd. (Bay Gas Storage), an intrastate pipeline, for deliveries to Alabama Power and Alabama Electric Coop, Inc. (Alabama Coop).

Florida Gas requests Commission authorization to obtain up to 32,000 MMBtu per day of firm capacity on Bay Gas Storage to effectuate a FTS–WD Transportation Agreement between Florida Gas and Alabama Power for delivery to Alabama Power's Olin Cogen Plant Delivery Point. Florida Gas further requests authority to use up to 32,000 MMBtu per day of interruptible service on Bay Gas Storage to effectuate interruptible transportation service for Alabama Coop in the near future. Florida Gas and Bay Gas Storage have entered into a firm and interruptible intrastate transportation agreement contingent upon approval by the Commission.

Florida Gas also proposes to construct a new tap, valve, an end of line valve assembly, and electronic flow measurement equipment in Washington County, Alabama to accommodate gas deliveries to Alabama Power's proposed meter station to receive firm gas volumes. Florida Gas states that Alabama Power would reimburse it for all construction costs, about \$769,000. Florida Gas proposes to deliver up to 32,000 MMBtu of gas per day at line pressure. Alabama Power proposes to construct, own and operate the meter station connecting to Florida Gas's facilities serving the power plant.

Florida Gas says that Alabama Power will pay monthly for the transportation charges under its Service Agreement with Florida Gas for service under Rate Schedule FTS–WD, and will also reimburse Florida Gas for both the cost of new facilities installed downstream of the Bay Gas Storage facilities and for the cost of the third party transportation from Bay Gas Storage.

Florida Gas also says that the costs of any interruptible transportation on Bay Gas Storage will be more than offset by revenues collected from Alabama Coop under the Rate Schedule ITS–WD Service Agreement. The interruptible rate to be charged Alabama Coop pursuant to the Service Agreement under Rate Schedule ITS–WD will be

higher than the interruptible rate which Bay Gas Storage will charge Florida Gas.

Thus, Florida Gas says that since revenues collected will exceed costs, there will be no costs shifted to Florida Gas's other customers and that because the costs of the capacity to be acquired from Bay Gas Storage will be either reimbursed by the firm Shipper utilizing the firm capacity (Alabama Power) or more than offset by revenues from the interruptible Shipper (Alabama Coop) utilizing the interruptible capacity, the allocation of these costs are not skewed to favor any party.

Florida Gas requests that a preliminary determination of this Application, subject to final environmental review, be granted by May 1, 1998, to assure that service can commence by the planned November 1, 1998, in-service date of the Olin Cogen Plant. Florida Gas says that without the expedited approval of the authorizations requested herein, Florida Gas would have to begin the process to construct more than 11 additional miles of facilities parallel the existing intrastate pipeline owned by Bay Gas Storage. Florida Gas says that this alternative construction activity would be undertaken under its Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate, and that it would have additional environmental impact and an estimated cost of \$4 million.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed.

Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and

can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court. The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Florida Gas to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-247-000]

Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

March 2, 1998.

Take notice that on February 20, 1998, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. (MIT), 3230 Second Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661, filed an abbreviated application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, authorizing MIT to Construct and Operate Certain pipeline looping, and related facilities, in order to provide new and revised firm service effective November 1, 1998, as requested by its customers, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MIT proposes to construct and operate approximately 7.38 miles of 16-inch diameter looping pipeline at a total estimated cost of \$2,439,551. The new line will commence at the terminus of MIT's existing 16-inch pipeline loop near Tuscumbia, Alabama, and will extend to a point on the west side of Colbert County Road 53 where it will interconnect with MIT's existing 12-inch to its customers pursuant to its Part 284 Blanket Transportation Certificate and will charge its applicable Part 284 transportation rates on file in its existing FERC Gas Tariff.

In order to meet the November 1, 1998, effective date that has been requested by its firm customers, MIT further request that the Commission grant its authorization by July 1998, and to that end seeks temporary certificate authorization should the requested permanent certificate not be granted by that date.¹

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in

¹ A Staff Data Request will be issued concurrently with the notice requiring MIT to fully comply with the Commission's Regulations regarding information necessary to complete its application or it may be dismissed.