

construct 13,400 hp of compression at one existing compressor station; and

- upgrade an existing interconnection with Columbia.

The purpose of the facilities proposed by Columbia would be to provide 506,795 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of additional firm transportation and storage service to 23 customers. In order to provide the proposed firm entitlements to its customers, Columbia proposes to lease 141,500 Dth/d of firm capacity from Texas Eastern. The facilities proposed by Texas Eastern are needed to provide this delivery capacity on a daily basis to Columbia.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket Nos. CP96-213-000, -001, and -004 and CP96-559-000 and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than April 23, 1997, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. 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).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-291-000]

**Southern Natural Gas Company,  
Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C.;  
Notice of Application**

March 24, 1997.

Take notice that on March 14, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, and Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Destin), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP97-291-000 a joint application pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline measurement and related facilities in Franklin, Attala and Jefferson Counties, Mississippi; approval of Southern's abandonment of capacity by lease to Destin and Destin's acquisition thereof and pregranted abandonment and reacquisition of such capacity; and approval of rolled-in rate treatment for the capacity lease payments and revenues and cost-of-service of the proposed facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Destin states that in related Docket No. CP96-655-001, *et al.*, Destin is seeking authorization to construct, own and operate one offshore platform, 76 miles of 36-inch offshore pipeline facilities, 134 miles of 36-inch and 30-inch onshore pipeline facilities, two miles of 16-inch onshore pipeline facilities, two onshore compression facilities and related pipeline interconnection, measurement and appurtenant facilities, designed to transport large quantities of natural gas from deepwater areas and production along the Destin Corridor to downstream pipeline interconnections in southern and central Mississippi. Destin states that the Destin Pipeline will extend in a northerly direction from Main Pass Block 260, Gulf of Mexico, to an onshore terminus at its interconnection with Southern near Enterprise, Mississippi. In addition to Southern, Destin states that it will physically interconnect with four other interstate pipelines: Florida Gas Transmission Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and Koch Gateway Pipeline Company. In addition, related Docket No. CP96-655-001, *et al.*, provides for two additional delivery points to Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) in Mississippi. Accordingly, in Docket No. CP97-291-

000, Southern and Destin propose for Southern to lease capacity on its pipeline system to Destin to enable Destin to offer Texas Eastern as a delivery point on its system.

It is stated that Southern has agreed to lease to Destin, capacity on its pipeline system to the extent necessary to permit Destin to deliver up to 200 MMcf per day of natural gas (MMcfd) from an interconnection to be constructed between Destin's proposed pipeline system and Southern's pipeline at Southern's existing Enterprise compressor station in Clarke County, Mississippi to Texas Eastern (a) on a firm basis at a new meter station to be constructed by Southern at an interconnection with Texas Eastern on Southern's Cranfield-Gwinville Line in Franklin County, Mississippi (Union Church meter station) or (b) on an interruptible basis at Southern's existing interconnection with Texas Eastern downstream of Southern's Pickens compressor station on Southern's North Main Line in Attala County, Mississippi (Kosciusko meter station). Southern states that while it does not currently have an agreement with Texas Eastern for the proposed interconnection at the Union Church meter station, Southern will request such interconnection upon receipt of the authorization requested herein. It is stated that although Southern will continue to own and operate the facilities, Destin proposes to render open access transportation services to Destin's shippers by means of its leased capacity in Southern's system under the terms and conditions of Destin's FERC Gas Tariff, thus providing Destin with a seamless transportation service to its shippers without constructing duplicative facilities.

Southern requests authorization to construct and install the Union Church meter station in Franklin County, Mississippi, which will consist of one measurement station with dual 8-inch rotary meters, including tap, metering and appurtenant facilities, sized to handle 200 MMcfd on Southern's Cranfield-Gwinville Line; to modify its existing Gwinville compressor station on Southern's Franklin-Gwinville Lines in Jefferson County, Mississippi, to allow 200 MMcfd to flow west from Gwinville to the Union Church meter station; and to modify to its existing Kosciusko meter station on Southern's Second North Main Line, Attala County, Mississippi, to expand the delivery capacity into Texas Eastern to 200 MMcfd. It is stated that the total estimated cost of the facilities to be constructed is \$1.7 million.

The applicants state that in exchange for Southern's lease of capacity to permit Destin's delivery of 200 MMcf/d to Texas Eastern, Destin will pay Southern \$246,500 per year, for a total of \$4,930,000 over the twenty-year term of the lease. The applicants also request pregranted abandonment and reacquisition authorization upon termination of the Capacity Lease Agreement, with the reacquisition to be at no cost to Southern.

Southern proposes in its next Section 4 rate proceeding to roll-in its cost of service for the proposed facilities and the revenue from the capacity lease payments and requests that the Commission approve such rate treatment. Destin also requests authorization for its lease payments made to Southern to be treated on a rolled-in basis with its cost of service proposed in Docket No. CP96-655-001, *et al.* Southern states that there will be no rate impact on Southern's current shippers as a result of rolling-in the cost of service of the proposed facilities because the estimated revenues generated from the lease payments received from Destin will equal the estimated cost of service of the proposed facilities on a net present value basis. Destin estimates that the rate impact of rolling-in the lease payments to Southern will be less than 1 percent. In addition, the applicants state that there will be financial and operational benefits to be realized from the lease arrangements and proposed facilities.

Specifically, the applicants request authorization for the following actions: (1) for Southern to construct, install and operate (a) a new meter station at an interconnection with Texas Eastern on Southern's Cranfield-Gwinville Line in Franklin County, Mississippi, (b) modification to Southern's existing Gwinville compressor station in Jefferson County, Mississippi, (c) modification to Southern's existing Kosciusko meter station in Attala County, Mississippi; (2) for Southern to abandon by lease, and Destin to acquire, capacity on Southern's system to the extent necessary to permit Destin to deliver 200 MMcf/d of natural gas to Texas Eastern on a firm basis at the Union Church meter station or on an interruptible basis at the Kosciusko meter station; (3) authorization for Southern to charge Destin lease payments in an amount designed to collect the incremental cost of service of the proposed facilities over the 20-year term of the Lease Agreement on a present value basis; (4) a determination that the costs attributable to the proposed facilities and the revenues attributable to the lease payments

received shall be included in Southern's cost of service and revenues on a rolled-in basis in any future rate proceedings; (5) a determination that in any rate proceeding concerning Southern's transportation rates, the revenue responsibility of the capacity lease services proposed in this application shall be limited to that collected by charging the lease payments authorized herein and no additional costs shall be allocated to these services during the term of the Lease Agreement; (6) a determination that the lease payments made by Destin to Southern shall be included in Destin's cost of service on a rolled-in basis in any future rate proceeding; and (7) pre-granted abandonment and reacquisition of the leased capacity upon termination of the Capacity Lease Agreement between the parties.

The applicants request an order by June 1, 1997, which is the date by which Destin has requested a Preliminary Determination on Non-environmental Matters in related Docket No. CP96-655-001, *et al.* so that the proposed pipeline project and the facilities proposed herein can be placed in service by July 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 14, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 18 CFR 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. 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application 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 Southern and Destin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. EL97-30-000, *et al.*]

### **South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, *et al.*; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

#### **1. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company**

[Docket No. EL97-30-000]

Take notice that on March 12, 1997, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), filed a Petition for Declaratory Order that SCE&G is not required to provide certain transmission service to the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

*Comment date:* April 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **2. Entergy Services, Inc.**

[Docket No. EL97-31-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 1997, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., tendered for filing a Petition for Declaratory Order and Exercise of Jurisdiction seeking Commission resolution of a dispute over the interpretation of an Entergy Arkansas, Inc. wholesale power agreement.

*Comment date:* April 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **3. El Paso Energy Marketing, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER96-118-007]

Take notice that on March 13, 1997, El Paso Energy Marketing, Inc. tendered for filing a Notice of Change in Status.

#### **4. Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER96-2973-000]

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. (Soyland), tendered for filing a rate schedule change pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Regulations. The filing consists of a rate