

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 13332-000]****Raccourci Cut-off Project, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comment, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

December 30, 2008.

On November 21, 2008, Raccourci Cut-off Project, LLC filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Raccourci Cut-off Project, to be located on the Mississippi River in Pointe Coupee Parish and West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed Raccourci Cut-off Project consists of: (1) 6,336 proposed 40 kilowatt Free Flow generating units having a total installed capacity of 253 megawatts, (2) a proposed transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The Raccourci Cut-off Project would have an average annual generation of 1,110 gigawatt-hours, and would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Ms. Ramya Swaminathan, Free Flow Power Corporation, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, phone (978) 226-1531. *FERC Contact:* Henry Woo, (202) 502-8872.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13332) in the docket number field to access the document. For

assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 8646-043]****Robert N. Fackrell; Mink Creek Hydro LLC; Notice of Application for Transfer of License, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

December 30, 2008.

On October 31, 2008, Robert N. Fackrell (Transferor) and Mink Creek Hydro LLC (Transferee) filed an application, for transfer of license of the Mink Creek Hydroelectric Project, located on Mink Creek in Franklin County, Idaho.

Applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Mink Creek Hydro Project to Mink Creek Hydro LLC.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Robert N. Fackrell, Corporate Manager, Mink Creek Hydro LLC, P.O. Box 1, Preston, ID 83263, phone (208) 852-1522.

FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene: 30 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, and notices of intent may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-8646) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP09-37-000]****Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

December 30, 2008.

Take notice that on December 16, 2008, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, (Gulf South), 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77046, filed in Docket No. CP09-37-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, for permission and approval to abandon in place and by removal approximately 11.5 miles of inactive 20-inch diameter pipeline and associated appurtenances in various Eugene Island blocks, offshore Louisiana, under Gulf South's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000,¹ all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

Gulf South proposes to abandon in approximately 11.5 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline which originates at a producer platform in Eugene Island Block 57 at the upstream connection to a meter station and appurtenances to a point of connection at a Eugene Island Block 32 platform with an existing Gulf South offshore pipeline, including platform riser, pig receiver, and associated appurtenances. Gulf South states that it would abandon all of the 11.5 miles of pipeline in place, except for approximately 1,675 feet in the Atchafalaya Pass Fairway in Eugene Island Block 32, which Gulf South would remove. Gulf South also states that the facilities it proposes to abandon have been inactive since 2003 and their proposed abandonment would not affect or degrade service to Gulf South's existing customers, nor would it have an operational effect on Gulf South's system. Gulf South further states that it would cost approximately \$2,326,500 to remove pipeline and appurtenant facilities in this proceeding.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to J. Kyle Stephens, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77046; telephone 713-479-8033 or by e-mail: kyle.stephens@bwpmlp.com.

¹ 20 FERC ¶ 62,416 (1982).

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERC OnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866)206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-27-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southern Natural Gas 2008 Abandonment and Modification Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 31, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts of Southern Natural Gas Company's (Southern) 2008 Abandonment and Replacement Project

involving the in-place abandonment of approximately 97 miles of pipeline in Mississippi and Alabama. The pipeline, which is part of Southern's North Main Loop Line, consists of 18-inch-diameter to 24-inch-diameter pipe, would be abandoned in six segments. In addition, Southern proposes to abandon three compressor units at the Onward Compressor Station in Sharkey County, Mississippi. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on January 30, 2009. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the "Public Participation" section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

The six pipeline segments Southern proposes to abandon are located in Sharkey, Yazoo, Winston, Noxubee, and Lowndes Counties, Mississippi and Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama. These pipeline segments were installed using a mechanical coupling technology in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The pipeline, consisting of 18- to 24-inch-diameter pipe, would be cut, cleaned, sealed, and abandoned in place. In addition, three compressor units are proposed for abandonment at the Onward Compressor Station in Sharkey County. The project also includes the removal, installation, and modification of various ancillary facilities associated with the pipeline segments to be abandoned. Along the pipeline right-of-way, 46 work sites

would be utilized for the abandonment and additional modifications.

All pipeline abandonment activities would be conducted within the existing right-of-way and compressor station areas. No new access roads would be required to facilitate the abandonment of the pipeline, compressor units, or ancillary facilities.

A map showing the general location of the proposed project is included as appendix 1.¹

The EA Process

We² are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes Southern's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking 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.

NEPA also requires the FERC to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to be addressed in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, local libraries and newspapers, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Southern.

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