

Washington DC. This meeting, the 15th bi-annual meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, state and territorial governments, and nongovernmental partners. Please register in advance by visiting the Web site below. This meeting has time allotted for public comment and provides exhibit space. All public comment must be submitted in written format. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site within two months of its occurrence.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006, 8:30–5:30. Advance public comments can be submitted to the e-mail, fax, or mailing address listed below from Monday, April 17, 2006–Friday, April 28, 2006.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, located at 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Dieveney, U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Coordinator, Coral Reef Conservation Program, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 301–713–2989 ext. 200, Fax: 301–713–4389, e-mail: Beth.Dieveney@noaa.gov, or visit the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Web site at <http://www.coralreef.gov>)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Established by Presidential Executive Order 13089 in 1998, the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force mission is to lead, coordinate, and strengthen U.S. government actions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems. Co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and Interior, Task Force members include leaders of 12 Federal agencies, seven U.S. states and territories, and three freely associated states. For more information about the meeting, registering, exhibiting, and submitting public comment go to <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

David Kennedy,

Manager, Coral Reef Conservation Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Dated July 2004 for the Route Location, Adoption, and Construction of State Route 905 Between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and Interstate 805 in the County of San Diego, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) intends to adopt the FEIS completed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) for purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received by April 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESPL–CO–R, San Diego Regulatory Field Office, 168885 West Bernardo Drive, Suite 300A, San Diego, California 92127. Comments may also be submitted, via electronic mail, to: terrence.dean@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Terry Dean, San Diego Regulatory Field Office, at (858) 674–5386.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California Department of Transportation requires a Department of the Army authorization to discharge fill material into approximately 3.10 hectares (7.68 acres) of jurisdictional waters of the United States, including wetlands, to construct State Route 905 from Interstate 805 to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry with Mexico, a distance of approximately 10 kilometers (6.2 miles), including three lanes in each direction, with a wide median for possible future high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Local interchanges are proposed at Caliente Avenue, Heritage Road, Britannia Boulevard, and La Media Road, as would a freeway-to-freeway interchange at State Route 125.

The Corps was not a cooperating agency for the above FEIS. Recirculation of the document is necessary under 40 CFR 1506.3(b).

Copies of the FEIS are available in CD or paper format for review at the following locations:

CalTrans District—11, 2829 Juan Street, San Diego, CA 92186

City of San Diego—Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Otay Mesa—San Diego Branch Library, 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154

San Ysidro—San Diego Branch Library, 101 West San Ysidro Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92173

South Chula Vista Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 16885 West Bernardo Drive, Suite 300A, San Diego, CA 92127

A hard copy may be obtained by contacting Mr. Dean in writing at the address or e-mail above.

David H. Turk,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Acting District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06–196–000; ER06–196–001]

Cantor Fitzgerald Brokerage, L.P.; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 3, 2006.

Cantor Fitzgerald Brokerage, L.P. (CFB) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff. The proposed rate tariff provides for wholesale sale of electric capacity, energy and ancillary services at market-based rates. CFB also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, CFB requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by CFB.

On March 2, 2006, the Commission granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by CFB should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, is April 3, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, CFB is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or

assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CFB, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CFB's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Commission's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also 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 field to access the document. 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 electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP06-71-000, CP06-72-000 and CP06-73-000]

Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation, SCG Pipeline, Inc., South Carolina Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Joint Application and Offer of Settlement

March 3, 2006.

Take notice that on February 28, 2006, SCG Pipeline, Inc. (SCG) and South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (SCPC), for themselves and on behalf of Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (Carolina Gas) (collectively applicants), 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, filed a Joint Application and Offer of Settlement. The applicants request under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act certain Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing facilities acquisition and operation, approval for the provision of interstate natural gas transportation services, approval of an abandonment, and related blanket certificates. The applicants request that the Commission grant these approvals and certificates no

later than July 31, 2006, so that Carolina Gas can commence operations as an interstate pipeline subject to the Commission's jurisdiction in time for the 2006-2007 winter season.

These filings are on file with Commission and open to public inspection. They may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. There is also an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the applications and Offer of Settlement should be directed to Ryan C. Leahy, Manager of Transportation Services, South Carolina Pipeline Corporation, 105 New Way Road, Columbia, SC 29223, Phone: (803) 217-7377.

The applicants are requesting certificates and other authorizations necessary to permit: (1) The merger of SCG into SCPC to form a single, integrated interstate pipeline, subject to Commission jurisdiction [Carolina Gas]; (2) the operation of such interstate pipeline by Carolina Gas, the entity to be formed as a result of the merger; (3) the provision of jurisdictional services by Carolina Gas pursuant to the initial rates and FERC Gas Tariff proposed in the settlement and applications; and (4) the abandonment, by merger, of SCG's FERC-certificated facilities and the cancellation of SCG's FERC Gas Tariff, and any other authorizations granted to SCG by the Commission. The applicants also request that the Commission grant Carolina Gas a blanket certificate authorizing Carolina Gas to transport gas on behalf of others pursuant to subpart G, section 284.221 of the Commission's regulations; and a blanket certificate authorizing certain construction and operation of facilities and abandonment under NGA section 7 pursuant to subpart F, sections 157.201-218 of the Commission's regulations.

Importantly, pursuant to sections 385.207(a)(5) and 385.602, the applicants also include an Offer of Settlement for the Commission's acceptance of a Stipulation and Agreement, which is a negotiated resolution of the matters arising in connection with the applicants' requests for certificate and abandonment authority. The applicants say that the terms and conditions of the settlement

are the product of substantial inter-customer negotiation and compromise, as well as negotiation and compromise between the applicants and their customers. They say that the settlement reflects an overall balancing of the various competing interests among customers and among applicants and the various customer constituencies.

Docket No. CP06-71-000 is assigned to the requests to authorize facilities acquisition and operation, for approval for the provision of interstate natural gas transportation services, for approval of abandonment by SCG Pipeline, Inc. Docket No. CP06-72-000 is assigned to the part 157, subpart F blanket certificate request and Docket No. CP06-73-000 is assigned to the part 284, subpart G blanket certificate request. The Offer of Settlement encompasses and is related to all three dockets.

The applicants say that upon Commission approval of the authorizations they request, SCG, currently an interstate pipeline regulated by the FERC, will merge into SCPC, currently a non-FERC jurisdictional intrastate pipeline. SCPC intrastate services will end on the merger effective date. SCPC will relinquish its Hinshaw exemption, become subject to the Commission's jurisdiction over interstate pipelines, and change its name to Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation. Following the merger, the resulting entity, Carolina Gas, will own and operate all of the facilities that were owned and operated by SCG and SCPC at the time of the merger.

The applicants says that the resulting Carolina Gas pipeline will be a reticulated web-like system providing open access, unbundled, firm and interruptible transportation services and interruptible parking and lending service for interstate gas markets. Carolina Gas will transport gas supplies received from the Southern Natural Gas Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation pipelines, which access various gas supply regions including the Gulf Coast, north Louisiana and north Texas, as well as LNG supplied at Elba Island, Georgia. They say that the Carolina Gas system will increase natural gas supply diversity and competition in and beyond the southeastern United States and provide much needed interstate infrastructure without the delay, uncertainty and environmental disturbances inherent in a new construction project.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of