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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-417]

#### South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 24, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 516), and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed non-project use. The project is located on Lake Murray, in Lexington County, South Carolina.

In the application, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company requests Commission authorization to permit the use of almost 2.0 acres of project lands that lie below the 360-foot-msl-contour (full pool elevation) to construct a 100-slip docking facility and a boat launch for the residents of Pintail Point subdivision. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application, with staff's recommended measures and modifications, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Modifying and Approving Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued October 10, 2006, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link.

Enter the project number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-32-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sentinel Expansion Project; Request for Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

October 18, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation's (Transco's) planned Sentinel Expansion Project located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This notice explains the scoping process that will be used to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 18, 2006.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. In lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend the public scoping meeting that has been scheduled in the project area in Exton, Pennsylvania, on November 8, 2006. Further details on how to submit written comments and additional details of the public scoping meeting area are provided in the public participation section of this notice.

The FERC will be the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the EA. The document will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will be used by the FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it issues Transco a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

With this notice, the FERC staff is asking other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated Transco's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described later in this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Transco representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the FERC, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

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

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to expand its natural gas transmission system to provide incremental firm service of 151,000 dekatherms per day (Dt/d) in Transco's market area. More specifically, Transco seeks authority to construct the following facilities in various counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey:

- Construct approximately 10.58 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania (Downingtown Loop);
- Construct approximately 5.48 miles of 42-inch-diameter extension in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Conygham Loop);