

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP03-244-000]****Southern LNG Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff**

February 5, 2003.

Take notice that on January 29, 2003, Southern LNG Inc. ("SLNG") tendered for filing the following revised sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6

SLNG states that the revised sheets track maintenance costs associated with the turning basin and berths for ships calling on the LNG import terminal on Elba Island, Georgia, pursuant to the tracker mechanism of its tariff approved as part of the settlement in Docket No. RP02-129. SLNG states that this filing increases the dredging surcharge from the current \$0.0428 per Dth to \$0.0529 per Dth. SLNG proposes to make the increased surcharge effective March 1, 2003, as provided in the tariff sheets and the Commission's order approving the settlement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: February 10, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2009-018-North Carolina/Virginia]****Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice**

February 5, 2003.

The following Commission staff were assigned to help facilitate resolution of environmental and related issues associated with development of the Roanoke Rapids-Lake Gaston Project license application that was filed on January 28, 1999. The Commission staff will continue to be available to assist the parties, if requested, to resolve issues and facilitate development of a comprehensive settlement agreement during the pendency of the license application. However, the "separated staff" will take no part in Commission review of the application, or deliberations concerning the merits of the application.

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Different Commission "advisory staff" will be assigned to process the license application, including providing advice to the Commission with respect to it. Separated staff and advisory staff are prohibited from communicating with one another concerning this license application.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket Nos. CP02-379-000 and CP02-380-000]****Southern LNG, Inc.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Elba Island Expansion Project**

February 5, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities proposed by Southern LNG, Inc. (Southern LNG) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed project which includes expansion of the existing Elba Island LNG import terminal in Chatham County, Georgia. Southern LNG proposes to:

- Construct an LNG unloading slip cut into Elba Island with two ship unloading docks;
- Construct a 1,000,000-barrel double walled LNG storage tank;
- Construct two boil-off gas compressors;
- Construct two first-stage (booster) LNG pumps;
- Construct a recondenser vessel;
- Construct three second-stage LNG pumps;
- Construct three submerged combustion vaporizers; and
- Construct a motor control center.

The proposed facilities would expand the storage and sendout capacity of Southern LNG's existing LNG import terminal in Chatham County, Georgia. The proposal would: (1) Expand the storage capacity of the terminal; and (2) increase the sustainable daily sendout capability to 806 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscf/d) and its peaking capacity to 1,215 MMscf/d. Southern LNG seeks import authorization in Docket No. CP02-379-000.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

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. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ 11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP02–380–000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 7, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

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).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1–866–208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659 or at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web

site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

February 5, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric subsequent license application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License for a Minor Water Power Project.

b. *Project No.:* P–7264–010.

c. *Date filed:* January 22, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Fox River Paper Company and N.E.W. Hydro, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Appleton Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Lower Fox River, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. This project would not use Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John Ramer, Manager, Fox River Paper Company, P.O. Box 2215, Appleton, Wisconsin 54913, 920–733–7341 or Mr. Arie DeWaal, Mead and Hunt, Inc., 6501 Watts Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53719, 608–273–6380.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer, john.ramer@ferc.gov, (202) 502–8969.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, State, and local agencies and Indian tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an factual basis for complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian

tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days after the application filing (*i.e.*, by March 22, 2003) and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* March 22, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link. After logging into the eFiling system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The Middle Appleton Dam Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 372-foot-long by about 20-foot-high dam, topped with 15 functional and one non-functional, 20-foot-wide by 10-foot-high, steel Taintor gates; (2) a 35.5-acre reservoir with a gross storage capacity of about 195-acre feet; (3) two power channels, one about 500-feet-long by 40-foot-wide, and another 1700-foot-long and from 120 foot-to 200 foot-wide; (4) three powerhouses containing seven open-flume Francis turbines with a total maximum hydraulic capacity of 1,650 cubic feet per second (cfs) and seven generating units with a total installed generating capacity of 1,190 kilowatts (kW) and producing a total of 8,635,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) annually; (5) two transformer banks and one 4.16-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; along with (6) appurtenant facilities, such as governors and electric switchgear. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by Fox River Paper Company and N.E.W. Hydro, Inc.

o. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.