

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:  
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3  
Florida Gas Transmission  
Company, LLC  
Turnpike-Palmetto Road  
Relocation Project  
Docket No. PF18-5-000

May 14, 2018

Michael T. Langston  
Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC  
1300 Main Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request**

Dear Mr. Langston:

Thank you for your letter, filed May 4, 2018, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for the Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC's (FGT) Turnpike-Palmetto Road Relocation Project. We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, FGT plans to abandon approximately 19.1 miles of existing 18-inch-diameter mainline pipeline and relocate and construct approximately 15.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter mainline pipeline in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida. This project is designed to resolve direct conflicts with the planned Florida Department of Transportation construction and operation of express lanes along 21 miles of State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway and State Road 91/Florida Turnpike and the planned system-to-system connection between the Palmetto Expressway, Interstate 95, and the Florida Turnpike.

Your letter also stated that FGT intends to file an application in late 2018. When FGT files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will

establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

As outlined in your request, FGT intends to file an applicant-prepared draft environmental assessment with its certificate application. While the objective of the applicant-prepared draft environmental assessment is to accelerate staff review after filing an application, close coordination with my staff must occur to assure the draft environmental assessment is adequately crafted to realize the benefits of this process. Your request also describes FGT's commitment to provide a third-party contractor to assist our staff in the preparation of the environmental document should we determine it necessary. At this time, I believe that my staff can proceed with the pre-filing process without a third-party contractor. We will notify you should we determine contractor assistance is necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager, Jennifer Zielinski, at (202) 502-6259.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry L. Turpin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Terry L. Turpin  
Director  
Office of Energy Projects

cc: Public File, Docket No. PF18-5-000