

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: