



**Transporting clean natural gas
to produce reliable, affordable
electricity for Floridians**

Florida Southeast Connection

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Target Project Milestones

Spring 2016:

US Army Corps
of Engineers
Issues Permit

Spring 2016:

FERC Issues Notice
to Proceed;
Construction Starts

Spring 2017:

Pipeline In-Service
Date

What's ahead?

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Florida Southeast Connection (FSC) in February 2016. The certificate outlines the conditions of the approval, including the final pipeline route FERC has authorized and the construction and mitigation measures that FSC must follow.

FERC is expected to issue a Notice to Proceed with construction this spring. To obtain the notice, FSC filed a detailed implementation plan that includes project construction and mitigation measures as well as how the company will comply with the requirements in the FERC certificate.

In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating an FSC permit application for construction in wetlands and waters of the U.S. If approved, the permit is also expected to be issued this spring.

The FSC team continues working with land owners to acquire easements needed for the proposed pipeline. FSC representatives will share information with property owners and answer questions, with the goal of reaching a fair agreement for all parties.

Recent activity

Florida uses more natural gas to generate electricity than almost any other state, but its two existing major natural gas pipelines are nearing full capacity. As our state continues to grow, we will need more natural gas to meet Florida's increasing energy needs.

Florida Southeast Connection, LLC (FSC) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct, own and operate proposed new natural gas pipeline facilities. FERC, which regulates the interstate transmission of natural gas in the U.S., recently issued two key approvals for FSC's planned pipeline and associated facilities:

- » In December 2015, FERC issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed pipeline. The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the project based on information provided by local, state and federal government agencies, FSC, and comments from landowners and other stakeholders. In the FEIS, FERC determined that if the project follows its recommendations, the pipeline facilities would not result in a significant impact on the environment.
- » In February 2016, FERC issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The certificate confirms that the project is necessary and appropriate, and it authorizes construction and operation of the new facilities. However, construction would not begin until FERC issues a Notice to Proceed with construction, which is expected this spring.

For more information

You can access project documents at the FERC website:

elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket_search.asp. The docket number for Florida Southeast Connection is CP14-554.

We always welcome your feedback. You may submit comments or questions by contacting Florida Southeast Connection at:

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