



**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**  
**April 16, 2015**  
**Open Commission Meeting**  
**Staff Presentation**  
**Item C-3**

"Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

"C-3 is a draft order which approves an uncontested settlement that addresses, among other things, Midla's requests to abandon the entirety of its pipeline system in Louisiana and Mississippi. On March 28, 2014, in Docket No, CP14-125-000, Midla filed an application under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon its mainline pipeline due to its age and physical condition. Also on March 28, 2014, Midla made a prior notice filing in Docket No. CP14-126-000 requesting to abandon the remainder of its jurisdictional pipeline by sale to an affiliate. Midla's abandonment applications were highly controversial and protested by existing customers, the Mississippi and Louisiana Public Service Commissions, as well as congressional representatives.

"In May 2014, Midla, other parties and the Dispute Resolution Division of the Office of Administrative Law Judges initiated alternative dispute resolution procedures to address the issues raised in these proceedings. The Dispute Resolution Division Staff conducted mediation with the active parties over several months that resulted in the parties reaching a settlement of all issues in the captioned proceedings. The Settlement was filed on December 11, 2014 and is uncontested.

"The Settlement provides for, among other things, Commission approval of Midla's abandonment applications, as amended and conditioned in the Settlement. The Settlement requires Midla to take several actions after the Settlement is approved by the Commission, including filing an application under Natural Gas Act section 7(c) to build a new pipeline from near Winnsboro, Louisiana, to the Natchez, Mississippi area. The Settlement will allow Midla to abandon its aging pipeline while ensuring that its shippers continue to receive natural gas service from Midla or an alternate supplier, or in some cases, propane service.

"Under these circumstances, the draft order approves the uncontested Settlement finding that the Settlement appears to be fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

"This concludes my presentation. We are happy to answer any questions you may have."