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**In Reply Refer To:**  
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 1  
Florida Gas Transmission  
Company, LLC  
12-Inch St. Petersburg Lateral  
Relocation Project  
Docket No. CP15-515-000  
§ 375.308(x)

July 24, 2015  
Stephen T. Veatch  
Senior Director, Certificates  
Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC  
1300 Main Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Environmental Information Request**

Dear Mr. Veatch:

Provide the information described in the enclosure to assist in our analysis of the above Blanket Certificate prior notice application. File your response in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In particular, 18 Code of Federal Register (CFR) 385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires that you serve a copy of the responses to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

**File a complete response within 10 days of the date of this letter.** The response must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

If certain information cannot be provided within this time frame, indicate which items will be delayed and provide a projected filing date.

When filing documents and maps, be sure to prepare separate volumes, as outlined on the Commission's web site at [www.ferc.gov/help/filing-guide/file-ceii/ceii-](http://www.ferc.gov/help/filing-guide/file-ceii/ceii-)

[guidelines.asp](#). Any Critical Energy Infrastructure Information should be filed as non-public and labeled “Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information – Do Not Release” (18 CFR 388.112). Cultural resources material containing location, character, or ownership information should be marked “Contains Privileged Information – Do Not Release” and should be filed separately from the remaining information, which should be marked “Public.”

File all responses under oath (18 CFR 385.2005) by an authorized Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC representative and include the name, position, and telephone number of the respondent to each item.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-6265.

Sincerely,

Kareem Monib  
Environmental Project Manager  
Gas Branch 1  
Office of Energy Projects

Enclosure

cc: Public File, Docket No. CP15-515-000

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Florida Gas)  
Docket No. CP15-515-000

**Environmental Information Request**

**Environmental Resource Report 2 – Water Use and Quality**

1. Section 2.6, Florida Gas states that a corridor of up to 15 feet would be maintained in an herbaceous state by mowing or selective removal of woody vegetation. Confirm that this statement is consistent with Section V.D.1. in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's *Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures* (Procedures), which states that a maximum 10 foot corridor may be maintained in an herbaceous state centered over the pipeline. Trees that are located within 15 feet that have roots that could compromise the integrity of the pipeline may be cut and removed. Indicate if this discrepancy affects the total acres of wetlands permanently affected that was reported in the resource report.
2. Provide a description of the impacts that would occur on the 0.25 acres of wetlands that would be temporarily disturbed by temporary access roads.
3. Explain why Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) entry and exit sites are located in wetlands. Provide an analysis of alternate HDD entry and exit sites and the siting of additional temporary workspace that would eliminate or reduce impacts on wetlands.
4. The FERC Procedures state that no routine vegetation mowing or clearing should occur in riparian areas or wetlands that are between HDD entry and exit points. Provide a more detailed description of the area that would be cleared in Wetland 4 (approximate milepost 0.9) and the reason why 0.21 acres of forested wetlands would be permanently cleared over the HDD alignment.
5. In accordance with the FERC Procedures, for each waterbody or wetland that would be crossed using the HDD method, provide:
  - a. site-specific construction diagrams that show the location of mud pits, pipe assembly areas, and all areas to be disturbed or cleared for construction; and
  - b. justification that disturbed areas are limited to the minimum needed to construct the crossing.

### **Environmental Resource Report 3 – Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation**

6. Provide responses to the following requests from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC):
  - a. confirm that Florida Gas would follow FWC’s Gopher Tortoise; Guidelines, if any are encountered.
  - b. identify if project activities may affect least terns; and
  - c. confirm that in the event of a frac-out when utilizing HDD underneath canals, Florida Gas would follow the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work and notify the FWC.
7. Provide the most up to date information on acreages of wetlands that would be affected by the project (permanent and temporary).

### **Environmental Resource Report 4 – Cultural Resources**

8. Has the Florida State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) been proved a copy of the final Phase I/II report (June 2015)? If not please do so. Provide the transmittal letter.
9. Please clarify if the SHPO intends to issue a “final determination” of effect. If so, provide the determination.
10. Confirm that Florida Gas would conduct archaeological monitoring of construction within the Weedon Island Preserve, as recommended in the Phase I/II report.
11. Identify the total acreage surveyed for cultural resources.
12. Revise the unanticipated discovery plan (appendix L of the application) as follows. Make the same changes in appendix B of the Phase I/II report. Provide the revised plan.
  - a. On page 4 of 7, item 3, insert “and FERC” after “(SHPO)”.
  - b. On page 5 of 7, include FERC in the notification process in items 5, 6, 1, and 3.

### **Environmental Resource Report 9 – Air and Noise Quality**

13. Provide the estimated construction emissions, including construction equipment, for the 12-Inch St. Petersburg Lateral Relocation Project over the construction period.

14. Provide a large scale (1:3,600 or greater) plot plan identifying the proposed HDD entry and exit locations and nearest noise sensitive areas (NSAs), such as residences, farms, or schools) and quantify the noise levels at the NSAs that would result from the proposed HDD operations. Provide far-field sound level data (from the manufacturer or a similar unit in service elsewhere) used to generate the noise estimates. The data should represent the maximal operation of the proposed HDD unit, specify noise control measures, and identify the source of the data.