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FERC OKs Florida Gas Expansion Project to Serve State's Power Generation Demand

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today approved Florida Gas Transmission's (FGT) \$2.45 billion Phase VIII Expansion Project to serve natural gas-fired electric generators and utilities in Florida.

In authorizing the project, FERC imposed 43 conditions requiring FGT to mitigate any potential adverse environmental impacts identified by FERC Staff after its thorough analysis of the proposal.

In its Phase VIII Expansion Project, FGT will add more than 483 miles of pipeline loops, laterals and mainline and install 213,600 horsepower of compression at eight existing and one new compressor stations. The company also will acquire the existing 22.7 mile Martin Lateral, currently owned by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), that will serve power plants located in Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Suwannee Counties, Florida. The Phase VIII Expansion will create 820,000 MMBtu per day of capacity on FGT's system from Alabama to Florida.

FGT will initiate service in two phases timed to meet customers' energy needs. The Phase 1 facilities are scheduled to begin service by July 1, 2010, and involve construction and operation of the Manatee Lateral and the FPL Manatee Metering and Regulating Station to serve FPL's Manatee Power Plant in Florida.

Phase 2 service is scheduled to start by April 1, 2011. It involves construction and operation of the remaining Phase VIII Expansion Project facilities.

In addition to providing service to FPL, FGT proposes to transport gas to five other shippers: Florida Power Corporation/Progress Energy Florida, Inc.; Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Tampa Electric Company; the Orlando Utilities Commission; and the City of Tallahassee, Fla.

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