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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-200-082]

##### Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rates

June 7, 2002.

Take notice that on May 31, 2002, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to be effective June 1, 2002.

Second Revised Sheet No. 630

REGT states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect the revision of an existing negotiated rate transaction.

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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link,

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. CP02-379-000, and CP02-380-000]

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Southern LNG, Inc.; Notice of Application

June 7, 2002.

Take notice that on May 31, 2002, Southern LNG, Inc. (Southern LNG), P. O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed an application in the above-referenced docket numbers pursuant to Sections 3(a) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Parts 153 and 157 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of additional facilities at its liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal on Elba Island located in Chatham County, Georgia (Elba Island Terminal). The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

The expansion includes new process facilities and moving moored LNG ships to a new marine slip, cut in Elba Island and away from the Savannah River's main channel. Southern LNG proposes (1) to expand the storage capacity of Elba Island Terminal by constructing and operating a fourth cryogenic storage tank with a working capacity of approximately 3.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent (Bcfe); (2) to increase its average design sendout rate from 446 million cubic feet (MMcf) per day to 806 MMcf per day, and its maximum sendout rate from 675 MMcf per day to 1,215 MMcf per day, by constructing and operating additional LNG pumps and LNG vaporizers; (3) to construct and operate two unloading berths cut into a marine slip on Elba Island; and (4) appurtenant supporting facilities.

Southern LNG conducted an open season for the expansion capacity from September 10, 2001 to December 14, 2001. As a consequence, Southern LNG entered into a precedent agreement on December 24, 2001 with Shell NA LNG, Inc. (Shell). The precedent agreement obligates Southern LNG and Shell to enter into a contract for firm service for all the expansion capacity under Southern LNG's tariff on file with the Commission. The contract will have a primary term of thirty years.

The proposed construction will take place almost entirely on Elba Island, which Southern LNG already owns and has dedicated to its terminal. To establish the new marine slip, Southern LNG will perform some construction in the Savannah River, adjacent to Elba Island. Southern LNG has already applied for permits necessary for this construction from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia.

Southern LNG estimates that the total capital cost of constructing its proposed expansion will be approximately \$148 million. Because the revenues from the expansion service will exceed the expenses each year, the existing service will not subsidize the expansion cost of service. Southern LNG proposes to operate the existing and expansion facilities as an integrated whole, which provides better outage protection and more flexibility. Rolling in the expansion facilities will thus provide both financial and operational benefits to both expansion and existing customers. Southern LNG requests that it may roll in the expansion with the existing rates in a Section 4 proceeding following the in-service date.

Any questions regarding the application be directed to Patrick B. Pope, Vice President and General Counsel, Southern LNG, Inc., P. O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563 at (205) 325-7126.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before June 28, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other