

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2018-01227-DCH

June 8, 2020

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

REQUEST TO DISCHARGE FILL MATERIAL IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSTRUCT FOUR (4) MILES OF NEW NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN CODEN, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC

Attention: Mr. Chad Burrows

2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Level 11

Houston, Texas 77056

LOCATION: Wetlands and Unnamed Tributaries to Bayou Sullivan, Bayou Jonas, and Bayou Como; 6301 Rock Road; within Sections 5 and 6, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, and Sections 32 and 33, Township 7 South, Range 2 West; beginning coordinates 30.393697, -88.189783; ending coordinates 30.375789, -88.239142; Coden, Mobile County, Alabama

PROJECT PURPOSE: The basic project purpose is to increase capacity of an existing natural gas pipeline network. The overall project purpose is to construct a thicker wall natural gas pipeline to replace an existing segment of pipeline, in order to create an additional mainline capacity from existing points of receipt in Mississippi and Alabama to serve an existing power generating station in Florida.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant plans to construct four (4) miles of new 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline onshore in Mobile County, Alabama adjacent to the existing Line 60/200 pipeline in order to create additional mainline capacity from existing points of receipt in Mississippi and Alabama to serve an existing power generating station, the Big Bend Power Station, in Hillsborough County Florida. An approximately four (4) mile segment of the existing Line 60/200 will be abandoned in place. The proposed work would result in the following impacts to waters of the United States: 1) Temporary clearing and discharge of fill material into 17.99 acres of non-tidal wetlands and 2,587.2 linear feet of intermittent and ephemeral streams for equipment staging, access roads, construction matting, and temporary sidecasting of excavated material; 2) Permanent conversion of 4.3 acres of non-tidal forested wetlands to herbaceous wetlands for maintenance of a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way; and, 3) Permanent discharge of fill material into 0.04 acres of non-tidal herbaceous wetlands for construction of one (1) new mainline valve at MP 4.0. Open cut and horizontal directional

drill methods will be utilized to install the pipeline. Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 in the attached plans for a detailed list of waterbody impacts.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has aligned the proposed new pipeline adjacent to the existing Line 60/200 pipeline, which has reduced permanent wetland conversion impacts by approximately 50 percent by utilizing a portion of the permanently cleared ROW for the existing pipeline corridor. In areas where the pipeline would be installed using an open cut method, the applicant would replace the top 12 inches of topsoil removed from the temporary trench upon completion of the pipeline segment. Temporary construction matting would be utilized in wetlands and waterbodies to prevent rutting and compaction of the substrate. The applicant has proposed to restore disturbed areas to pre-construction contours, re-vegetate cleared/disturbed areas, reduce the extent and duration of disturbances, and require minimal delays between disturbance and restoration of work areas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands through the purchase of wetland mitigation credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank. Compensatory mitigation required to off-set the permanent conversion of 4.3 acres of non-tidal pine-forested wetlands to herbaceous wetlands and the permanent discharge of fill material into 0.04 acres of non-tidal herbaceous wetlands would be provided through the purchase of 4.42 wet pine flats wetland mitigation credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank within whose service area the project is located. The required number of wetland mitigation credits is based on a compensatory mitigation ratio of 1:1 for permanent conversion of forested wetlands to emergent/herbaceous wetlands within the pipeline right-of-way, and a compensatory mitigation ratio of 1:3 for permanent discharge of fill material in low-quality herbaceous wetlands for construction of one (1) new mainline valve at MP 4.0.

LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead federal agency for the coordination and conduct of environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the subject proposal (FERC Docket No. CP19-475-000). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is considering adopting the NEPA documentation prepared by FERC; however, the USACE remains responsible for ensuring compliance with all other applicable regulations that implement its regulatory program, including but not limited to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

WATER QUALITY/COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency concurrence in accordance with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to water quality certification and CZM consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice has been considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, FERC has reviewed

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the proposed undertakings on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding its findings (AHC File 19-0431). The SHPO provided its concurrence with FERC's findings on October 16, 2019. In addition, FERC coordinated its findings with federally-recognized American Indian tribes with historic interest in the project area and received no objections regarding the proposed undertaking. Copies of this notice are being sent to the SHPO and federally-recognized tribes for review and comment.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: In accordance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the proposed work defined in this notice has been considered for the potential to affect federally-listed threatened and endangered species and designated critical habitat, within the action area. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, FERC has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding its findings (USFWS File 2019-CPA-0049). The USFWS provided its concurrence with FERC's proposed avoidance measures on November 14, 2019. Copies of this notice are being sent to the USWFS for review and comment.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based. The Mobile District is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed below. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing, setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will also include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2018-01227-DCH**, and should be directed to the USACE project manager, Mr. Dylan C. Hendrix, by e-mail at dylan.c.hendrix@usace.army.mil, or (251) 694-3772, or by mail at USACE, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mr. Dylan C. Hendrix, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the ADEM at coastal@adem.alabama.gov, or sent to: Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number SAM-2018-01227-DCH, in any communication concerning this project.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

MOBILE DISTRICT U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attachments

Table 1 - Wetlands Crossed by the Gulfstream Phase VI Expansion Project

Wetland ID	Cowardin Classificaion ^a	HGM Classification	Wetland/Waterbody Crossing ID	Milepost	County	Approximate Centerline Crossing Length (feet)	Temporary Impact (acres)	Permanent Conversion (acres)	Permanent Fill (acres)	Total Impact (acres)	Mitigation Ratio ^b	Mitigation Required (acres)
Pipeline												
WMB002H	PFO	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)		0.0	Mobile	481.11	3.97	0.68	0.00	4.65	1:1	0.68
WMB002N	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)		0.1	Mobile	743.95	1.57	0.00	0.00	1.57		0.00
WMB002G	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing A	0.2	Mobile	149.04	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.30		0.00
WMB002C	PFO	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing A	0.3	Mobile	251.01	0.78	0.79	0.00	1.57	1:1	0.79
WMB002F	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)		0.3	Mobile		0.05	0.00	0.00	0.05		0.00
WMB002A	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)		0.4	Mobile	297.25	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40		0.00
WMB004	PEM	Depressional	Crossing B	0.8	Mobile	12.54	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03		0.00
WMB003	PEM	Depressional	Crossing C	1.9	Mobile		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02		0.00
WMB005A	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing F	2.5	Mobile		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
WMB006A	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	0	2.7	Mobile	13.87	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01		0.00
WMB006B	PFO	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing G	2.7	Mobile		0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	1:1	0.01
WMB008A	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	0 : 11	2.8	Mobile		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01		0.00
WMB008B	PFO	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing H	2.8	Mobile		0.04	0.02	0.00	0.06	1:1	0.02
WMB014	PFO	Depressional	Crossing J	2.9	Mobile		0.05	0.00	0.00	0.05		0.00
WMB010	PFO	Depressional	Crossing K	3.1	Mobile		0.08	0.03	0.00	0.11	1:1	0.03
WMB013A c	PEM	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	One a single M	3.9	Mobile	1,036.98	3.22	0.00	0.04	3.26	1:3	0.12
WMB013B	PFO	Wet Pine Flats (Mineral Soil Flats)	Crossing M	3.9	Mobile	3,273.65	7.44	2.77	0.00	10.21	1:1	2.77
Compressor	Station 410											
WMB001 d	PEM	Depressional	-		Mobile		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Compressor	Station 420											
						Total	17.99	4.30	0.04	22.33		4.42
						PEM	5.62	0.00	0.04	5.66		
						PSS						
						PFO	12.37	4.30	0.00	16.67		

a - Designations for each type of wetland follow the classifications developed by the USFWS after Cowardin et al. (1979).

b - Mitigation 1:1 required for permanent conversion from PFO to PEM. Mitigation 1:3 required for permanent fill in low quality PEM wetlands.

c - Includes 0.04 acres of permanent wetland fill (wetland loss) where wetland is located within the extended fence line area for the new mainline valve at MP 4.0.

d - Wetland located within Compressor Station 410, but will not be impacted during construction.

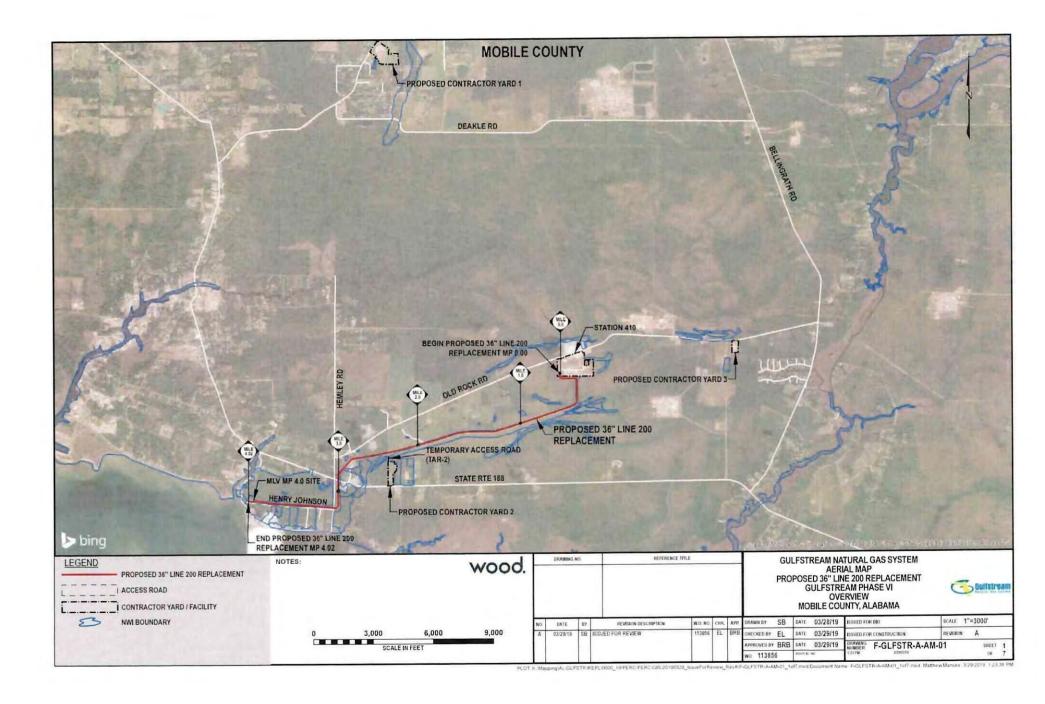
Table 2 - Waterbodies Crossed by the Gulfstream Phase VI Expansion Project

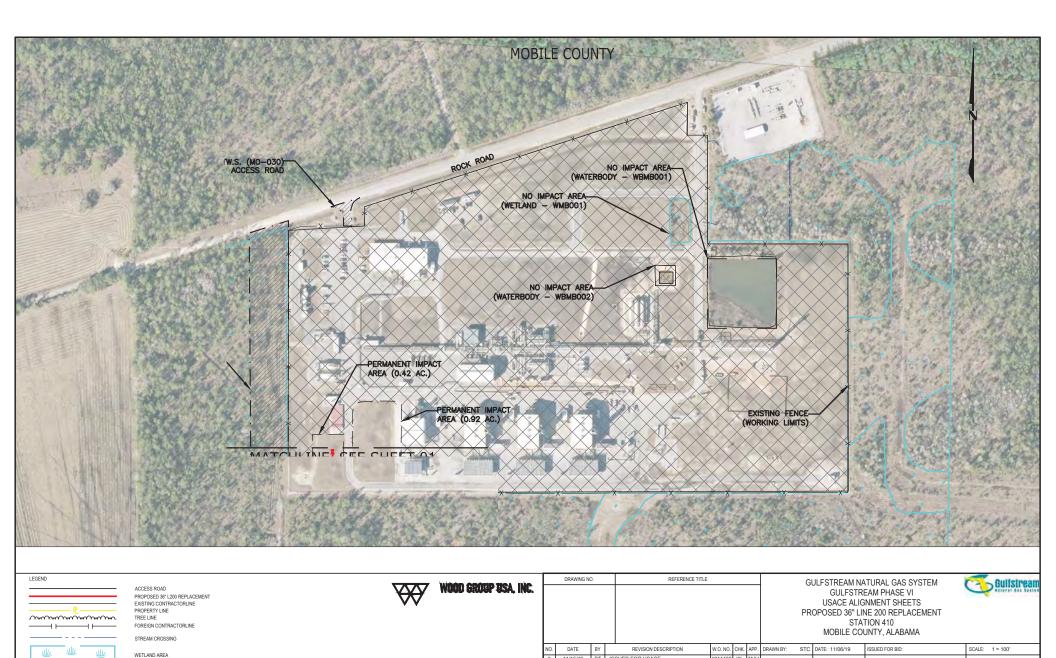
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Waterbody ID	Waterbody Name	Wetland/Waterbody Crossing ID	Impact Type	Milepost	Flow Regime	Waterbody Width (feet) ^a	Impact (linear feet)	Impact (square feet)	Crossing Method
Pipeline									
SMB004	Tributary to Bayou Sullivan	Crossing D	Temporary	1.9	Intermittent	4.5	152.2	314.1	Open Cut
SMB005	Bayou Como	Crossing E	Temporary	2.1	Intermittent	13.0	150.7	5,438.1	Open Cut
SMB006	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing G	Temporary	2.6	Ephemeral		667.0	330.1	Open Cut
SMB007	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing H	Temporary	2.8	Intermittent	2.5	8.6	21.4	Open Cut
SMB008	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing I	Temporary	2.9	Ephemeral	1.5	157.8	126.2	Bore
SMB013	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing J	Temporary	2.9	Ephemeral	0.3	47.7	14.3	Bore
SMB009	Tributary to Bayou Como	0 . 1/	Temporary	3.0	Intermittent	2.5	583.6	1,465.6	Open Cut
SMB010	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing K	Temporary	3.0	Intermittent	2.5	9.1	22.2	Open Cut
SMB011	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing L	Temporary	3.2	Ephemeral	3.0	102.7	313.4	Open Cut
SMB014	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing M	Temporary	3.2	Ephemeral	0.2	98.5	19.7	Open Cut
Contractor Y	/ards / Staging Areas								
SMB015	Tributary to Bayou Como	Crossing N	Temporary	N/A	Ephemeral	0.1	247.6	24.8	Matting / Bridge ^c
SMB016	Tributary to Bayou Jonas	Crossing O	Temporary	N/A	Ephemeral	0.1	329.1	32.9	Matting / Bridge ^c
SMB017	Tributary to Carls Creek	Crossing P	Temporary	N/A	Ephemeral	0.4	19.6	7.8	Matting / Bridge c
Access Roa	ds								
SMB005	Bayou Como	Crossing Q	Temporary	N/A	Intermittent	13.0	13.0	169.0	Existing Culvert
Compressor	Station 410								
SMB012	Tributary to Bayou Jonas	Crossing A	Temporary		Ephemeral	3.0	0.0	0.0	Existing Culvert
Compressor	Station 420								
						Ephemeral	1,670.0	869.3	
						Intermittent	917.2	7,430.4	
						Perennial			
						Total	2,587.2	8,299.6	

a - Calculated based on the surveyed top-of-bank to top-of-bank waterbody width using Ordinary High Water as reference.

b - Dam and pump crossings will be performed in those waterbodies with perceivable flow conditions at the time of construction.

c - Temporary matting or installation of temporary equipment bridges will be constructed across the ephemeral waterbodies prior to use of the site to facilitate safe travel of construction equipment across the waterbodies and to minimize impacts to the waterbodies in accordance with the Gulfstream Procedures (provided in Section 11). Temporary matting and equipment bridges will be removed as part of final clean-up and restoration. The required condition of the site at the lease termination would be negotiated between Gulfstream and the respective landowner and in accordance with the Gulfstream Plan (provided in Section 11).





ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY WORKSPACE

ISSUED FOR USACE

CHECKED BY:

APPROVED BY: MJH DATE: 11/06/19

REVISION: 0

SHEET 20

ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION:

DRAWING NUMBER: 26-0200-35-20-A_AS

