**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**
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**REPLY TO ATTENTION OF**

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# *PUBLIC NOTICE*

**Permit Application No. SAJ-2005-95**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Jacksonville District and the Corps Savannah District have received an application for a Department of the Army permit present to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403) as described below:

APPLICANT: Southern Natural Gas Co,
ATTN: Mr. David Jones
1900 Fifth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35206

PROJECT: Cypress Project

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The proposed project is located in waters of the United States including wetlands along a 176.4 mile corridor originating in Port Wentworth, Chatham County Georgia and extending to Clay County, Florida.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The basic project purpose is for a liquefied natural gas distribution line .

Overall: The overall project purpose is to a liquefied natural gas (LNG) distribution line origination from the LNG terminal near Savannah Georgia and extending to the Northeast Florida region and several interconnects located in Georgia and Florida. The project will provide supply diversity for LNG consumers in these markets and increase LNG supply access and reliability in these areas. In addition, the pipeline will enable LNG suppliers of the LNG facility near Savannah to deliver incremental gas supplies into the Georgia and Florida markets. The Cypress Project pipeline will enable LNG to flow bi-directionally from Florida to points north in Georgia, as well as from the LNG interconnection southward.

PROPOSED WORK: The Project will be constructed in three phases. In Phase I, approximately 166.6 miles of 24-inch outside diameter (OD) pipeline will be installed between Southern Natural Gas (Southern) Rincon meter station, located at approximate milepost

(MP) 94.96 on Southern's existing Wrens-Savannah System in Effingham County, Georgia and an interconnect with the Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) System in Clay County, Florida. In addition, the proposed pipeline will interconnect with Atlanta Gas Light in Glynn County, Georgia; South Georgia Natural Gas in Nassau County, Florida; and Jacksonville Electric Authority's (JEA) Brandy Branch Power Plant in Duval County, Florida (Figure 1.1-1). Modifications will be made to Southern's Marietta Meter Station including replacing 75 feet of 8-inch OD pipe with 12-inch OD pipe, replacing a filter, and modifications to associated controls to reduce pressure drop through the station.

In Phase II, a new Compressor Station will be constructed in Glynn County, Georgia, at the approximate midpoint of the 24-inch OD pipeline. In Phase Ill, two additional compressor stations will be constructed adjacent to the pipeline, one in Liberty County, Georgia, and one in Nassau County, Florida. Phase Ill will also include the construction of9.8 miles of30-inch OD pipeline looping on Southern's Wrens-Savannah Pipeline System between its Port Wentworth and Rincon Gate meter stations.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Please refer to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Environmental filling documentation Docket PF05-11-00 for the notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for project specific site locations and existing corridor conditions. (See attached)

MITIGATION, ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): Under a Cooperative agreement, The FERC will prepare an EIS that will discuss the environmental impacts of Southern's proposed Cypress Pipeline Project. The FERC will be the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the EIS. The EIS document will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will address mitigation, endangers species and EFH. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is a cooperating agency for the EIS pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) because the proposed project has the potential for significant impact on Waters of the United States, including wetlands. Please refer to Corps Public Notice Dated February 22, 2005 for additional information at
http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/public_notices/public_notices.htm

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: The project will require authorization from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 30 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact in Florida Mr. Jon Soderberg by electronic mail at Jon.E.Soderberg@saj02.usace.army.mil , or by telephone at 904-232-1472 and in Georgia Mr. Mark Padgett, by electronic mail at Mark.J.Padgett@sas02.usace.army.mil, or telephone at 912-652-5052