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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-560-000]

Dauphin Island Gathering Partners; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Dauphin Island Gathering Partners Abandonment Project

On July 31, 2026, Dauphin Island Gathering Partners (DIGP) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-560-000 requesting Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Dauphin Island Gathering Partners Abandonment Project (Project) and would involve DIGP to abandon a total of about 119.3 miles of existing interstate natural gas pipeline and related appurtenances in Mobile County, Alabama, Alabama state waters, and federal offshore waters.

On August 7, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review. [1]

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA February 5, 2027

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline[2] May 6, 2027

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

DIGP seeks authorization to abandon its entire offshore natural gas pipeline gathering and transportation system, consisting of about 119.3 miles of 20-inch-diameter and 24-inch-diameter pipeline and all associated appurtenances in Mobile County, Alabama, Alabama state waters, and federal offshore waters. According to DIGP its

[1] For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1787659366

[2] The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

system is no longer economically feasible due to the depletion of attached reserves and the lack of new lease activity in the vicinity. DIGP also states that abandonment is needed to eliminate environmental and safety risks due to aging energy infrastructure and harsh offshore environment conditions.

Background

On September 15, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Dauphin Island Gathering Partners Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service filed a letter concurring with the applicant's determinations on federally listed species in the project area. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed a comment letter stating it has no comments.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP26-560), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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