

Gulf Coast LNG Partners files pipeline application with FERC

Washington—Point Comfort Pipeline, an affiliate of Houston-based Gulf Coast LNG Partners, has filed an application with the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build a pipeline connected to Gulf Coast LNG's proposed Calhoun terminal in Texas, Gulf Coast LNG announced Monday.

The filing was submitted last Friday to FERC.

The project would consist of 27 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipe running from the 1 Bcf/d Calhoun LNG facility to interconnects with several other systems, including the Channel-HPL JV Pipeline, Florida Gas Transmission, Kinder Morgan-Tejas, Enterprise Pipeline, Gulf South Pipeline, Kinder Morgan-Texas, Natural Gas Pipeline Co of America, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

"Based upon direct feedback from potential future terminal users of the LNG terminal, the flexibility of marketing natural

gas on a combined nine interstate and intrastate pipelines to the major end-users in the Texas, Midwest, Northeast and Southeast regions of the United States, as well as to the local industrial markets, is very attractive," said Rafael Garcia, project director of Gulf Coast LNG Partners.

Calhoun LNG is planned for the Port of Port Lavaca-Point Comfort between Freeport and Corpus Christi, Texas. Gulf Coast LNG submitted its FERC filing on Calhoun LNG in March.

Getting rights of way for the new pipeline should be relatively easy because 95% of the route parallels existing pipelines, Garcia told *LNG Daily*. FERC "looks more favorably" on pipeline proposals that parallel existing lines, he added.

The company plans to use horizontal drilling techniques to minimize any inconvenience to the surrounding communities during construction of the pipeline, he said.—*Melanie Tatum in Washington and Michael Rieke in Houston*

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