

Golden Pass Pipeline



To help meet the nation's growing demand for natural gas, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LP and Golden Pass Pipeline LP are planning the development of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) receiving terminal approximately two miles north-west of Sabine Pass, Texas and an associated natural gas pipeline system. Golden Pass LNG Terminal LP and Golden Pass Pipeline LP are affiliates of Exxon Mobil Corporation. The terminal and pipeline projects were approved by FERC in July 2005.

A natural gas pipeline with a capacity of 2.5 billion cubic feet a day would be constructed to transport natural gas from the outlet of the LNG receiving terminal to existing natural gas pipelines and related infrastructure. The approved Golden Pass Pipeline project would extend approximately 75 miles and cross four counties in Texas and one parish in Louisiana. The pipeline would be connected to 11 interstate and intrastate pipelines. In addition a short pipeline would tie into the Beaumont industrial area. There are no plans

As part of the LNG project, a natural gas pipeline would need to be constructed to transport natural gas from the LNG receiving terminal to existing natural gas pipelines.

for compressor stations along the route. The Golden Pass Pipeline would be operational in the 2008-2009 timeframe, coinciding with the start-up of the LNG receiving terminal.

In November 2005, Golden Pass Pipeline LP proposed revisions to the pipeline project and commenced a voluntary pre-filing permitting process with FERC. Instead of the two 36-inch pipelines proposed for the first 43 miles, the revised project proposes a single 42-inch pipeline. The route would also be shortened by approximately nine miles. The pipeline capacity would be unchanged.

Pipeline Overview

The proposed pipeline would be built along existing right-of-ways where feasible, to lessen any potential adverse impact to the environment, commercial and residential areas or other areas of concern. Where the pipeline route would cross marshes, lakes, rivers, canals and highways, it is designed with the goal of minimizing any potential adverse impact at each crossing. The revised pipeline route will be surveyed on the ground to ascertain specific impacts and to obtain critical data for design of the system. The project team will interact with federal and state agencies during the design and permitting of the revised pipeline system. The Golden Pass Pipeline would be operated under the applicable pipeline safety rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Benefit of the Golden Pass Pipeline

The proposed Golden Pass Pipeline would be a continuation of the extensive existing pipeline infrastructure in Texas and Louisiana. It would provide safe and reliable transportation for natural gas into Texas and Louisiana, as well as other interstate markets. It would help provide a long-term, competitive source of natural gas for the industries in this region helping to attract new business and retain existing jobs.

Pipeline Route

