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Re: Application for Determination of Need for an Intrastate Natural Gas Pipeline; Docket #920807-GP

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and fifteen copies of SunShine Pipeline Partners Direct Testimony of E. J. Burgin, John P. Lucido, Ronald J. Hrehor, Judah L. Rose and Peter S. Fox Penner for the above-referenced docket.

You will also find a copy of this letter enclosed. Please date-stamp the copy of the letter to indicate that the original wish filed and return a copy to me.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for Determination of Need for an Intrastate Natural Gas Pipeline by SunShine Pipeline Partners

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

E. J. BURGIN

FOR

SUNSHINE PIPELINE PARTNERS



1		BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2		DOCKET NO. 920807-GP
3		DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
4		E. J. BURGIN
5		ON BEHALF OF SUNSHINE PIPELINE PARTNERS
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7	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
8	A.	My name is E. J. Burgin. My business address is 9
9		Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046.
10	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
11	A.	I am President and Chief Operating Officer of
12		SunShine Pipeline Company ("SunShine").
13	Q.	Would you briefly state your educational background
14		and your work experience?
15	A.	I attended the University of Tennessee for my
16		undergraduate education and after a tour in the
17		military where I served as a U.S. Army Captain and
18		Infantry Company Commander during the Korean War, I
19		completed my studies and received a Bachelor of
20		Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1955.
21		I actually started my career in the natural
22		gas industry in 1950 as a District Engineer with
23		East Tennessee Natural Gas Company. In 1955, I
24		accepted the position of Vice President with South
25		Georgia Natural Gas Company ("South Georgia"). At

South Georgia, I was responsible for introducing natural gas to the electric generation market at Florida Power Corporation's ("FPC") Ellaville Plant and to the City of Tallahassee's Purdom Plant. In 1959, I joined Florida Gas Transmission Company ("FGT") as Manager of Operations and served in this capacity until 1974. During my first year as Manager of Operations with FGT, I participated in the initial delivery of natural gas to FPC's Inglis Plant, which was the first electric generating plant in the Florida Peninsula to burn natural gas as a boiler fuel.

While at FGT, I was made Vice President of Operations in 1974, Vice President of Marketing in 1977 and Executive Vice President in 1981. During 1981, I participated in and graduated from the Stanford University Executive Program in Palo Alto, California.

In 1985 FGT merged with Houston Natural Gas
Company and I became Executive Vice President of
HNG Interstate Pipeline Companies. I next became
President of Enron Pipeline Service Company in
January, 1986 and one year later, was named
President of Enron Gas Pipeline Operating Company
where I also served on the Enron Corporation

- 1 Management Committee. I closed out my service with 2 the Enron Corporation as Chairman and Managing 3 Director of Enron Gas Pipeline Operations International, a position I assumed in October, 5 1990, where I was directly involved in the 6 construction and start-up of Enron Corporation's 7 Teesside cogeneration project in the 8 Kingdom. On December 31, 1991, I took early
- 10 Q. Have you also served in the industry in its trade 11 associations?

retirement from the Enron Corporation.

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- 12 A. Yes. During my career I have served as President 13 of the Florida Natural Gas Association; a member of 14 the Board of Directors of the Florida Chamber of 15 Commerce (1981-1991); a member of the American Gas 16 Association's Marketing and Technical Advisory 17 Committees; a member and Chairman of the American 18 Gas Association's Gas Measurement and Compressor 19 Committees; a member of the Interstate Natural Gas 20 Association of America's Operations and Engineering 21 Committee; a founding member and past Chairman of 22 the INGAA Foundation; a trustee for the Institute 23 of Gas Technology; and as a member of the Board of 24 Directors for the Southern Gas Association.
- 25 Q. Have you previously offered testimony before the

- 1 Florida Public Service Commission?
- 2 A. No, this is my first opportunity. However, I have
- 3 testified a number of times in Washington, D.C.
- 4 before the Federal Power Commission and its
- 5 successor, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 6 ("FERC"), in various proceedings including rate,
- 7 curtailment and certification cases.
- 8 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this
- 9 proceeding?
- 10 A. I will generally describe the SunShine Pipeline
- 11 Project, including the system concept, the need for
- the project, the benefits for the natural gas
- 13 consumers to be served from this system and the
- 14 reasons why I believe this project is in Florida's
- 15 interest. I will also discuss the adverse
- 16 consequences of not proceeding with the project for
- 17 the residents of Florida.
- 18 Q. Who owns SunShine?
- 19 A. SunShine is a Florida general partnership, formally
- 20 named SunShine Pipeline Partners, doing business as
- 21 SunShine Pipeline Company. The general partners
- 22 are ANR Southern Pipeline Company ("ANR Southern"),
- a second tier subsidiary of The Coastal Corporation
- 24 ("Coastal"), a Houston based energy conglomerate,
- 25 and Power Energy Scrvices Corporation, a special

purpose subsidiary of FPC, which is headquartered

in St. Petersburg. I would note that subsidiaries

of Coastal own and operate two major interstate gas

4 pipeline systems with combined facilities

5 consisting of approximately 18,800 miles of

6 pipeline and 164 compressor stations with

7 approximately 1,434,500 installed horsepower.

8 Q. Please describe SunShine.

9 The initial SunShine facilities, which are 10 projected to be placed in-service in early 1995 11 will consist of approximately 502 miles of 30-inch

mainline pipe and numerous lateral and branch lines

necessary to serve the market. As the SunShine

14 Pipeline is expanded to provide shippers with

15 capacity for additional contracted volumes and

additional market growth commencing in the years

17 1998 and 1999, an additional one hundred thirteen

miles of new lateral pipelines as well as five

19 compressor stations with approximately 45,000

installed horsepower ("H.P.") will be constructed

21 and placed in-service.

22 Q. Can you provide a general description of the

23 proposed location of SunShine Pipeline?

24 A. The SunShine facilities will be located entirely

within the State of Florida, commencing at a point

1 in Okaloosa County and extending east and south in 2 order to serve the initial markets in Peninsular 3 and central Florida. The facilities that will be 4 placed in-service by 1995 will terminate at a point 5 in Polk County. The system expansion necessary to 6 provide the 1998 and 1999 build-up in contracted 7 service will extend SunShine southeast into 8 Okeechobee County. A detailed map showing the 9 geographis location of the SunShine Pipeline is attached as Exhibit A to SunShine's Application for 10 11 a Determination of Need in this proceeding.

- Q. What will be the system capacity of the SunShine Pipeline?
- 14 A. We are projecting initial system capacity to be 15 approximately 250,000 Mcf per day. Two 10,000 H.P. compressor stations will be added in 1998, which 16 17 will increase capacity to 425,000 Mcf per day. In 18 1999, three more compressors having a combined 25,000 H.P. will be placed in-service, bringing the 19 total system capacity up to approximately 550,000 20 21 Mcf per day.
- Q. Please describe the proposed operations of the SunShine Pipeline.
- 24 A. The SunShine Pipeline will be an intrastate 25 pipeline system subject to the regulatory

jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service
Commission ("FPSC"). SunShine does not propose to
engage in buying natural gas for resale; rather,
its purpose will be to provide non-discriminatory
transportation services at competitive rates to
local distribution companies, industrial plants,

electric power generation plants and cogeneration

8 facilities within the pipeline's service area.

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9 Q. Will the SunShine Pipeline be interconnected to 10 other pipeline facilities?

11 Yes, it will be connected to a new interstate A. 12 pipeline that will be constructed and owned by a 13 sister company of SunShine. The overall project to 14 provide new natural gas service to Florida 15 contemplates the design, construction and operation of both the SunShine Pipeline and an interstate 16 17 natural gas pipeline (the "SITCO Pipeline") 18 extending from an interconnection with Chandeleur 19 Pipeline Company at a point in Pascagoula, 20 Mississippi eastward through Alabama 21 terminating at the point of interconnection with 22 SunShine. The SITCO Pipeline will be owned by a 23 Texas general partnership which has been formed as 24 SunShine Interstate Pipeline Partners and will do 25 business as SunShine Interstate Transmission

- 1 Company ("SITCO"). A concept map is attached to my
- 2 testimony as Exhibit EJB-1 showing the location of
- 3 both the SITCO and SunShine Pipelines.
- 4 Q. Who are the general partners of SITCO?
- 5 A. ANR Southern and Power Interstate Energy Services
- 6 Corporation, another special purpose subsidiary of
- 7 FPC, are the general partners of SITCO.
- 8 Q. Will the construction of SITCO require regulatory
- 9 approval?
- 10 A. It will not as part of the application before the
- 11 FPSC. The SITCO Pipeline will require federal
- 12 certification by the FERC pursuant to the
- provisions of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"). SITCO's
- application for a certificate of public convenience
- and necessity will be filed this month with the
- 16 FERC.
- 17 Q. Is the SITCO Pipeline expected to be the supply
- 18 source for the SunShine Pipeline shippers?
- 19 A. The SITCO Pipeline will be the first link in the
- 20 upstream transportation of the SunShine Pipeline
- shipper's gas and, therefore, all of the volumes
- reaching the SunShine Pipeline will be transported
- through the SITCO Pipeline. The SITCO Pipeline
- 24 will be interconnected with the facilities of other
- 25 pipeline companies, including Gateway Pipeline

1 Company ("Gateway"), a subsidiary of United Gas 2 Pipe Line Company ("United"), Transcontinental Gas 3 Pipe Line Corporation's Mobile Bay Pipeline Company and Chandeleur Pipeline Company. Through Gateway, 4 which is connected to the major processing plants 5 6 at Mobile Bay, the shippers on the SITCO and 7 SunShine Pipelines will also have direct access to United. Mr. Ronald J. Hrehor will offer testimony 8 9 in this proceeding which specifically addresses the 10 subject of the upstream pipeline capacity into the 11 SITCO and SunShine Pipelines as well 12 availability of gas supplies.

- 13 Q. What customers does SunShine propose to serve?
- 14 A. Let me put my response to this question into an 15 historical perspective. Prior to 1985, it was not uncommon for certain regions of the country to be 16 17 almost exclusively by one served interstate 18 pipeline company. For example, other than the 19 Peninsular and certain other portions of Northern Florida, Florida's natural gas needs have been 20 21 served historically by only one natural gas 22 transmission system, FGT. The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 ("NGPA") provided for decontrol of the 23 24 wellhead price of gas beginning in 1985. In order 25 to accommodate the transition to deregulation and

price decontrol at the wellhead, and as part of an overall industry restructuring effort, the FERC issued a series of policy orders intended to inject substantially greater competition into the natural gas industry from the wellhead to the burner tip. The elimination of minimum bills, the creation of open access transportation, the certification and construction of additional pipelines in areas previously served by a single pipeline and the unbundling of pipeline services have, in the aggregate, greatly increased competition among pipelines.

In response to these structural industry changes, representatives of The Coastal Corporation have met with various Florida consumers of natural gas for the past several years who have expressed interest in a second natural gas pipeline to serve Florida's needs and inject competition into the Florida natural gas transportation service market. It is those customers that the SunShine Pipeline proposes to serve.

22 Q. Would you identify SunShine's customers?

23 A. Yes. FPC has signed on for firm transportation 24 service ("FT Service") at its Anclote Plant located 25 in Pasco County and for its proposed new Polk

- 1 County units in 1998 and 1999. ANR Southern has
- 2 negotiated Precedent Agreements with a number of
- 3 other shippers that have indicated that they will
- be executing the Precedent Agreements in the near
- future. We have represented in the Application for
- 6 a Determination of Need that supplemental
- 7 information on the names, volumes, locations and
- 8 dates of service of such additional shippers will
- 9 be made available to the FPSC.
- 10 Q. Why is ANR Southern the transporter in the
- 11 Precedent Agreements?
- 12 A. The negotiations leading to these agreements were
- 13 undertaken by ANR Southern prior to the execution
- 14 of the Florida General Partnership Agreement
- 15 between ANR Southern and PESCORP. All of the
- 16 Precedent Agreements, upon execution, will be
- 17 assigned to SunShine Pipeline Partners which, as I
- 18 mentioned previously, is doing business as SunShine
- 19 Pipeline Company.
- 20 Q. Do these Precedent Agreements provide for firm
- 21 obligations to tender volumes and transport them?
- 22 A. Yes, these agreements create firm obligations on
- 23 both of the signatory parties.
- Q. Are there any exceptions?
- 25 A. There are no exceptions to the firmness of the

- 1 respective obligations to tender and transport in
- 2 the sense of providing some customers a lesser
- 3 "best efforts" obligation. However, the agreements
- 4 do contemplate that the parties will have
- 5 respective rights to terminate them in the event
- 6 certain conditions precedent are not either waived
- 7 or satisfied by dates certain.
- 8 Q. Would you please explain what you mean by this?
- 9 A. The transporter has conditioned its obligation to
- 10 provide FT Service upon (1) executing precedent
- 11 agreements with enough shippers to ensure having an
- 12 aggregate daily quantity of at least 219,000 MMBtu-
- 13 per day; (2) having final regulatory authorizations
- 14 and approvals required by law; and (3) having
- obtained a commitment for financing SunShine on
- 16 acceptable terms and conditions. These types of
- 17 conditions are quite common in natural gas projects
- of this type and do not place unusual burdens on
- 19 the agreements.
- 20 Q. Do the shippers also have rights to cancel if
- 21 certain conditions precedent are not timely met or
- 22 waived?
- 23 A. It varies from agreement to agreement as the
- 24 parties determined what was necessary for their
- 25 particular circumstance, but as a general

- proposition, yes, the shippers have reciprocal
- 2 rights.
- 3 Q. Will the SunShine Pipeline Project be viable with
- 4 contracts providing for less volume than its
- 5 proposed initial capacity?
- 6 A. Yes, I believe that SunShine will secure contracts
- 7 with enough shippers for the threshold volumes that
- 8 it needs to make the project economically feasible.
- 9 However, our efforts to increase this volumetric
- 10 commitment certainly will continue.
- 11 Q. Do you believe that you will be able to secure
- 12 additional market?
- 13 A. I absolutely believe that SunShine will be able to
- 14 secure additional market for two basic reasons.
- 15 First, in my forty plus years in the gas
- 16 transmission business, I have seen many new
- 17 pipelines or extensions of existing lines
- 18 constructed into new service areas. Inevitably,
- 19 the customer response is always stronger after
- 20 regulatory approval of the pipeline has been
- 21 formally requested in a filing, stronger still when
- 22 regulatory authority is issued and even stronger
- when the pipeline has been constructed and placed
- in service. That is why we have a greater design
- 25 capacity for the SunShine Pipeline than what we

1 initially expect to have under contract. 2 the projected demographics of and need for gas-3 fired power generation in the State of Florida 4 overwhelmingly support the presence of a second 5 pipeline. This is shown through the direct 6 testimony and exhibits of Mr. Judah J. Rose of ICF 7 Resources Incorporated filed in this proceeding. 8 Florida continues to be among the nation's leaders 9 in population growth, and the corresponding need 10 for greater electric power generation capability is 11 That is why we are seeing or hearing 12 about so many non-utility power generation 13 projects, new utility power plants and power plant expansions in Florida. These projected increases 14 in the state's population and growth in commerce 15 16 will provide opportunities to serve 17 industrial, commercial and residential loads. I 18 believe that the direct testimony and exhibits of 19 Mr. Peter Fox-Penner of Charles River Associates to 20 be filed in this proceeding will further support this proposition. In summary, if the SunShine 21 22 Pipeline is constructed, I am confident that it 23 will ultimately secure contracts for its full 24 design capacity.

25 Q. Are you asking the Commission to base its

- determination of need, in part, on this growth
- 2 potential in Florida's gas markets?
- 3 A. Yes. We believe that the FPSC should take into
- 4 account both the present and the future
- 5 requirements for greater natural gas transmission
- 6 capacity.
- 7 Q. Will SunShine bring pipeline-to-pipeline
- 8 competition to Florida?
- 9 A. Just the prospect of the SunShine Pipeline has
- 10 brought pipeline-to-pipeline competition for
- 11 natural gas service to the State of Florida. There
- will be substantial long-term benefits to Florida's
- 13 gas consumers from the existence of real
- 14 competition between two pipelines.
- 15 Q. Can you elaborate on this point?
- 16 A. Certainly. This is the first time in over twenty
- 17 years that the State of Florida has a chance to
- 18 realize the competitive benefits of a second
- independently owned gas transmission system. Some
- of the benefits of this competition have already
- 21 been manifested through the concessions that
- 22 Florida gas consumers have obtained in their
- 23 agreements completed during the past several months
- 24 with both SunShine and FGT. Bargaining concessions
- in all phases of service have enured to the benefit

- of the respective shippers that have signed up for
- 2 service on both FGT's Phase III and the SunShine
- 3 Pipeline.
- 4 Q. Now that FGT's Phase III is fully contracted and
- 5 SunShine has negotiated for the execution of
- 6 contracts providing sufficient volumes to go
- 7 forward with its project, have all of the benefits
- 8 of competition been realized by Florida gas
- 9 consumers?
- 10 A. Not necessarily. Most shippers realize that the
- greatest benefits from competition are not just the
- 12 deal they make today, but rather the future deals
- 13 that will be made over the long term. Customers
- 14 which have signed up and will be signing up with
- SunShine and those that have signed up with FGT's
- Phase III have benefitted from the perceived
- 17 existence of two pipeline systems. Shippers who
- 18 contract for the remainder of SunShine's capacity
- will also benefit from that earlier competition.
- There will be ongoing competition for new loads and
- 21 for interruptible service through existing
- 22 capacity, as well as for the opportunity to build
- 23 additional capacity.
- 24 Q. In the event that a determination of need for
- 25 SunShine is not made by this Commission and the

- SunShine Pipeline is not constructed, what consequences do you foresee?
- The actual benefits of having a competitive 3 A. 4 pipeline will be limited to the customers which 5 engaged in the most recent series of negotiations 6 conducted by FGT. In the future, those shippers 7 wanting to transport natural gas throughout the 8 State of Florida will find only one alternative, 9 FGT, because it is unlikely that another attempt 10 will be mounted to build a second pipeline. With 11 only one pipeline alternative, gas consumers that 12 need future service may find such service being denied, if pipeline capacity is already fully 13 14 subscribed, or find such service being 15 significantly delayed. A denial or delay of 16 service could force gas consumers to endure 17 unnecessary hardships such as having to rely on a 18 less attractive energy alternative from both a cost 19 and environmental perspective.
- 20 Q. Are there any other consequences of not 21 constructing the SunShine Pipeline?
- 22 A. SunShine is an approximate \$600 million project.
- 23 As this amount of expenditure disseminates into the
- local economy, it should have a multiple effect.
- The construction of the SunShine Pipeline would

1 bring substantial economic benefits to the State of 2 Florida over the short and long terms. The loss of revenues into the State of Florida necessitated by 3 cancelling SunShine's proposed expenditures on labor and materials would quite obviously be 5 substantial. In addition, it is contemplated that 6 a new operating company would be established for 7 SunShine with a permanent Florida residence. At a 8 time when both the state and our nation most need 9 new economic boosts and job creating opportunities, 10 it would be very unfortunate to shut-down our plans 11 for constructing the SunShine Pipeline. 12

- 13 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 14 A. Yes, it does.

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