

SSE4 – Fast-41 Initiation Notice
October 22, 2025

Project Information

Title: South System Expansion 4
Sector: Pipelines – Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline

Project Location

Country: USA
City: Enterprise
State: Mississippi
Zip Code: 39330
County: Clarke County

Project Coordinates

(Westernmost Project Site, TGP Rose Hill Compressor Station)
Latitude: 32.141886
Longitude: -88.877756

Project Sponsor Contact Information

Company Name/Agency: Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Elba Express Company, L.L.C.
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Project Purpose

(Please provide a concise overview of the purpose and objective of the proposed project.)

The South System Expansion 4 (SSE4) project (Project) will provide up to 1.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of additional natural gas capacity to support increased residential, commercial, industrial load, and electric generation demand in the Southeast.

Project Description

(Please provide a concise description, including the general location of the proposed project and a summary of geospatial information, if available, illustrating the project area and the locations, if any, of environmental, cultural, and historic resources.)

The South System Expansion 4 (SSE4) Project is being developed by Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (SNG), a Delaware limited liability company jointly owned by subsidiaries of Kinder Morgan and Southern Company, together with Elba Express Company, L.L.C., a Kinder Morgan subsidiary. The Project will expand firm natural gas transportation capacity by approximately 1.3 billion cubic feet per day (1,323,079 dekatherms per day) to serve markets across the Southeastern United States, with deliveries extending from receipt points in Clarke County, Mississippi to destinations along SNG's South System, including Aiken, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. Estimated at \$3.5 billion, the Project consists primarily of brownfield looping and compression additions across approximately 291 miles of existing assets, with limited new greenfield segments.

Major facilities will include 14 new pipeline loops, modifications and new compression at 12 existing SNG compressor stations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, and additional compression at Elba Express's Jefferson and Rincon Compressor Stations in Georgia. The Project also involves constructing and upgrading multiple meter stations, as well as the abandonment and replacement of nine aging compressor units and approximately 2.2 miles of lateral pipeline in Clarke County, Mississippi.

These upgrades will increase system efficiency and reliability while minimizing new land disturbance by largely colocating facilities along existing rights-of-way. The Project area traverses counties in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, and preliminary surveys will identify and mitigate potential impacts to environmental, cultural, and historic resources in coordination with federal and state permitting requirements.

Technical and Financial Ability

(Please provide a description regarding the technical and financial ability of the project sponsor to construct the proposed project)

Kinder Morgan, Inc., acting through its subsidiaries Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (SNG) and Elba Express Company, L.L.C. (EEC), has the technical and financial capacity to construct and operate the South System Expansion 4 (SSE4) Project. Kinder Morgan is one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America, owning or operating approximately 79,000 miles of pipelines and 139 terminals and transporting about 40 percent of the natural gas consumed in the United States. The Project, estimated at \$3.46 billion, will be financed through cash on hand and longstanding access to capital markets. Kinder Morgan's scale, financial strength, and proven track record of safely delivering major infrastructure projects underscore the Company's ability to complete the SSE4 Project reliably and in full compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Within the SSE4 Project states, Kinder Morgan already maintains a substantial and longstanding operational presence. This includes more than 3,000 miles of pipelines and six terminals in Georgia, 3,000 miles of pipelines and three terminals in Alabama, and 13,500 miles of pipelines and two terminals in Mississippi. The Company also employs more than 1,000 workers across these states, supports a payroll exceeding \$100 million, and contributes nearly \$70 million annually in state and local taxes. This extensive footprint demonstrates Kinder Morgan's direct experience in constructing, operating, and maintaining major natural gas infrastructure in the region, and further highlights the technical expertise and financial commitment necessary to execute and sustain the SSE4 Project.

The Project has strong market support. The Companies have executed precedent agreements for 100 percent of the Project Capacity, demonstrating a clear and sustained need for the Project and affirming its importance to the Southeastern energy market. The Project Shippers include a diverse mix of customers – three electric generation utilities, two major local distribution companies, and two municipal providers, one of which will serve five municipalities. This breadth of commitments ensures a stable, long-term foundation for the Project. Market demand has been further confirmed by an independent study conducted by ICF Resources, L.L.C., which shows that existing natural gas infrastructure in the Southeast is already constrained and that demand will continue to grow as coal retirements accelerate and regional economies expand. Together, the shipper commitments and independent analysis demonstrate the critical need for the SSE4 Project to support reliability, economic growth, and the energy transition in the Southeast.

Summary of Financing, Reviews and Authorizations

(Please provide a description of any Federal financing, environmental reviews, and authorizations to be required to complete the proposed project. Summary of Financing, Reviews and Authorizations)

No federal financing is currently anticipated for the South System Expansion 4 (SSE4) Project.

The Project will require environmental review and authorization by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which will serve as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC's authorization will be in the form of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and SNG and EEC submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to FERC on June 30, 2025 in FERC Docket No. CP25-517. In addition, permits and approvals will be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Clean Water Act Section 404 permits) and the National Park Service for potential crossings of federally managed lands.

The NEPA review process will also involve consultation and coordination with other agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (Endangered Species Act consultations), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and State Historic Preservation Offices under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Additional reviews or consultations may be required depending on final project design and routing.

Project Assessment

(Assessment that the project meets the definition of a covered project as defined in [42 U.S.C. §4370m\(6\)\(A\)](#) of the FAST Act and a statement of reasons supporting the assessment.)

The South System Expansion 4 (SSE4) Project qualifies as a “covered project” under 42 U.S.C. § 4370m(6)(A) of the FAST Act. The Project involves the construction of interstate natural gas pipeline infrastructure, which falls squarely within the statute’s enumerated category of “pipelines.” It will require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as permits and consultations from additional federal agencies, making the Project subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The SSE4 Project represents an estimated capital investment of approximately \$3.46 billion, far exceeding the \$200 million threshold specified in the statute. On September 5, 2025, FERC issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project, meaning that the Project does not qualify for any abbreviated authorization or environmental review process and will instead require preparation of a full environmental impact statement. These facts satisfy the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 4370m(6)(A)(i)(I)–(III).

Further, the Project’s size and complexity make it likely to benefit from enhanced oversight and coordination under FAST-41. In addition to FERC, multiple federal agencies are expected to be involved, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Park Service. The involvement of more than two federal agencies, together with the preparation of an environmental impact statement, places the SSE4 Project squarely within the criteria of 42 U.S.C. § 4370m(6)(A)(iv). For these reasons, the SSE4 Project qualifies as a covered project under the pipeline sector and is appropriate for inclusion on the FAST-41 Permitting Dashboard.

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