

# **FERC Order Issuing Certificates**

## **Tarpon Whitetail Gas Storage, LLC**

Docket Number: CP08-46-000

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On June 19, 2008, Tarpon Whitetail Gas Storage, LLC (Whitetail), a wholly owned subsidiary of Spark Energy, LP and a strategically integrated partner of Marlin Midstream LLC, received the FERC Order Issuing Certificates in Docket No. CP08-46-000 (Order) granting authorization to site, construct, and operate the following: natural gas storage field wells, an onsite compressor station, a connecting pipeline, a metering and regulation (M&R) station, one lateral pipeline connecting the compressor facility to a pipeline operated by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO), and related ancillary facilities.

Whitetail is now in the process of acquiring the necessary environmental permits from various agencies to proceed with construction. Also, Whitetail will need to obtain drilling permits covering its proposed drilling activity from the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board.

In accordance with the application filed on December 21, 2007, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, Whitetail intends to begin construction after filing an Implementation Plan (which FERC should receive no later than the end of July). Under optimal conditions, Whitetail anticipates commencement of operations in 2009.

This project will be one critical component of natural gas infrastructure improvements required to move gas from the evolving unconventional shale reservoirs (e.g., Barnett, Woodford and Floyd) to markets in the Midwest and Northeast U.S. Furthermore, it will offer firm and interruptible storage, parking and loaning services when the project is connected to TETCO near the Egypt Compressor Station in Zone M-1. Project expansions could result in hub and wheeling services in the future associated with connections to SONAT and Tennessee Gas Pipeline.