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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:

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Southern LNG Inc.

Docket No. CP06-470-000

Elba Express Company, LLC

Docket No. CP06-471-000

August 10, 2007
Strant Colwell
Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Sub Office
Georgia Ecological Services
4270 Norwich Avenue Ext.
Brunswick, GA 31520

Re: Elba III Project - Section 7 Consultation

Dear Mr. Colwell,

In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, we requested on April 17, 2007, that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) consider the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Elba III Project as our Biological Assessment (BA). We also requested the FWS to consider as part of our BA, the biological survey reports and other supplemental material sent directly to your office by Southern LNG Inc. (Southern LNG) and Elba Express Company, LLC (EEC). We continue to seek your concurrence with our determinations of effect in this final EIS.

The Elba III Project would involve the construction and operation of two additional storage tanks and modification of the berthing slip and two unloading docks at Southern LNG's existing liquefied natural gas import facility on Elba Island in Chatham County, Georgia. Additionally, EEC would construct and operate about 188 miles of new 42- and 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, one new compressor station, and related facilities in various counties between Chatham County, Georgia and Anderson County, South Carolina. Please refer to the final EIS for maps and other project-specific information.

We have determined that West Indian manatees, wood storks, American alligators, eastern indigo snakes, flatwoods salamanders, Canby's dropwort, pool sprite, and pondberry could be present in the project area. On the basis of the information in EEC's biological survey reports and subsequent filings received from EEC (described in section 4.7 of the draft EIS), and our informal coordination with the FWS, we have determined

that the Elba III Project is *not likely to adversely affect* these eight species. We look forward to your timely response to our request for concurrence with our effects determinations.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call Danny Laffoon, project biologist, at (202) 502-6257.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Gas Branch 1
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cc: Public Files, Docket Nos. CP06-470-000 and CP06-471-000 (w/o enclosure)

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