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5. 2015 – Resolution Urging the Development of Critical Natural Gas Transmission Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board is an interstate compact organization created by state law with the consent of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the SSEB's mission is to enhance economic development and quality of life in the South through innovations in energy and environmental policies; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote prosperity, ensure national security, and power its economy, the United States relies on low cost, reliable, and diverse sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, national environmental policies increasingly require the use of natural gas as a primary source of energy for the United States, including SSEB member states; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology continue to lead to the discovery of plentiful supplies of natural gas in the United States, presenting a historic opportunity to create jobs, generate wealth, and achieve energy self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, certain regions within the SSEB's member states do not have natural gas interstate transmission infrastructure sufficient for large volumetric uses, such as electricity production and heavy manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, state and federal regulatory agencies have determined that modern pipelines are the safest method of transporting natural gas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern States Energy Board, by this resolution, urges the United States Congress, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the congressional delegations of Southern States Energy Board member states, and the legislatures of Southern States Energy Board member states, to adopt policies that promote the development of critical natural gas interstate transmission infrastructure that benefit their citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Southern States Energy Board urges Congress and the states to adopt collaborative policies that balance the interests of private property owners and the safety of communities.