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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 3
Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC
Phase III Expansion Project
Docket No. CP11-1-000

April 22, 2013
Eileen Wilson Kisluk
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Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC
333 Clay Street, Suite 1500
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Authorization to Commence Construction of the Phase III Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Kisluk:

I grant your April 8, 2013 request for Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie) to begin construction of the Phase III Expansion Project (Project) in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. In considering this request for a notice to proceed, we have reviewed Pine Prairie's Implementation Plan filed on January 17, 2012, and the results of its Open Season submitted on April 8, 2013, and have determined that Pine Prairie has complied with all applicable pre-construction conditions of the Commission's May 19, 2011 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) relevant to the above authorized portions of the Project. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

You are reminded that Pine Prairie must comply with all remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Tomasi at 202-502-8097.

Sincerely,

James Martin, Chief
Gas Branch 3
Division of Gas-Environmental and
Engineering

cc: Public File, Docket No. CP11-1-000