



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who are the owners and operators and what is their experience?

Foothills Energy Ventures and High Sierra Energy of Denver, CO, are co-owners of Monroe Gas Storage Company, LLC (MGS). Foothills Energy will build and operate the facility. Members of the MGS development team have over 140 years of collective experience industry experience with a concentration in natural gas gathering & processing, transmission, storage and marketing.

### What is underground natural gas storage?

Quite simply, it is a confined geologic formation (most commonly, depleted natural gas reservoirs or salt caverns) used to temporarily store and provide efficient and dependable supplies of natural gas to consumers, businesses and utilities.

### When will the project start and when is it expected to be completed?

MGS intends to file its application with FERC for 7c certification in June, 2007. We anticipate receiving approval by the end of this year and will expect to begin construction in early 2008. The facility is projected to begin operations in late 2008.

### Where will the gas come from and where will it go to?

The Monroe Gas Storage facility will receive gas from and deliver it to the TETCO and TGP interstate pipelines. Natural gas is moved by pipelines from the producing fields and other receipt points to consumers. Since natural gas demand can be seasonal, gas typically is stored off-season in large underground storage systems. The gas remains there until it is brought back into the pipeline system when there is increased demand, such as when people begin to use more gas in the winter to heat homes.

### Why is gas storage needed?

The approximately 400 interstate underground natural gas storage facilities located throughout the United States are a key component to maintaining the reliability, integrity, and capability of the Nation's natural gas transmission and distribution network. Natural gas storage is critical to meeting the seasonal high-demand requirements of the winter months. Additionally, the ability to deliver the additional volumes of gas into the pipeline system helps to smooth price volatility.

### How safe is gas storage?

Natural gas storage is a regulated business that is required to maintain strict safety and environmental controls. Gas storage in a depleted reservoir, like the Monroe Gas Storage facility, mimics nature's way of safely storing gas for millions of years. MGS will be built to meet or exceed all regulatory and modern industrial safety standards employing the latest technologies and engineering. Additional information on natural gas storage is available the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by accessing <http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides/citz-guide-gas.pdf>

### **Will the facility significantly impact the environment and wildlife?**

MGS is making great efforts to minimize any impact on the environment and wildlife. We have extensively investigated potential impact and addressed what was found.

### **Will there be employment opportunities?**

MGS anticipates hiring between 6-10 full-time employees to operate the facility on a 24-hour-per-day basis. MGS also expects other employment opportunities will exist during the construction phase. Specific job descriptions and openings will be posted on our website ([www.monroegasstorage.com](http://www.monroegasstorage.com)). The contractors have not yet been selected.

### **What government agency approvals are required to construct the facility?**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Mississippi State Oil & Gas Board  
Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Alabama Dept. of Environmental Management

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