

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Southern Natural Gas Encroachment Agreement for the Gateway at Effingham Parkway Roundabout

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve an Encroachment Agreement with Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. for roadway and utility crossings within existing pipeline easements.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Encroachment Agreement with Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. for construction of roadway, water, and sanitary sewer crossings within existing pipeline easements for the Gateway at Effingham Parkway Roundabout.

Executive Summary / Background:

Southern Natural Gas Company submitted an Encroachment Agreement to authorize roadway, water, and sanitary sewer crossings within existing pipeline easements for the Gateway at Effingham Parkway Roundabout. The agreement allows the County to construct, operate, and maintain these improvements while establishing the design, construction, and safety requirements necessary to protect Southern Natural Gas Company's existing transmission facilities.

Under the agreement, Effingham County is responsible for constructing and maintaining the roadway and utility crossings in accordance with Southern Natural Gas Company's requirements, while Southern Natural Gas Company will retain access to and oversight of its pipeline facilities within the easement.

The agreement also establishes construction notification, maintenance, insurance, and indemnification requirements governing work within the pipeline easements.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Encroachment Agreement
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Southern Natural Gas Company Encroachment Agreement