



May 3, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Richard E. Dunn, Director
Environmental Protection Division

From: Chuck Mueller, Director
Cross Media Programs

Subject: Responses to Comments Received During the Public Comment Period Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Petroleum Pipeline Eminent Domain Permit Procedures, Chapter 391-3-23

On March 8, 2018, EPD issued a public notice requesting comments on the proposed revisions to the Georgia Rules for Petroleum Pipeline Eminent Domain Permit Procedures, Chapter 391-3-23. The proposed changes amended the title of Rule 391-3-23, repealed the existing language of Rules 391-3-23-.01, 391-3-23-.02, 391-3-23-.03, 391-3-23-.04, 391-3-23-.05, 391-3-23-.06, 391-3-23-.07, 391-3-23-.08, and replaced them with new rule language in 391-3-23-.01, 391-3-23-.02, 391-3-23-.03, 391-3-23-.04, 391-3-23-.05 and 391-3-23-.06.

A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2018, in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. The public comment period ended April 13, 2018. EPD received ten written comments from the general public during the public comment period. Six comments opposed all pipelines, three comments supported the rule but requested stricter eminent domain requirements, and one comment opposed any additional regulations that hindered future energy supplies. No changes were made as a result of the comments.