

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 2, PJ-11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP00-64-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 17, 2000.

On April 3 and 4, 2000, the Office of Energy Projects will conduct a precertification site visit of the pipeline route and compressor station sites. All parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do

not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments

March 17, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Five-year Review and Update of Land Use and Shoreline Management Plan.
- b. *Project No.:* 516-318.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 1, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Saluda.
- f. *Location:* The project is located in Saluda, Lexington, Newberry and Richland Counties, SC.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant contact:* Thomas G. Eppink, Esquire Senior Attorney, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Legal Department—130, Columbia, SC 29218, (803) 217-9448 or, Tommy Boozer, Lake Manager, (803) 217-9007.
- i. *FERC contact:* John K. Hannula, (202) 219-0016.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Please include the project

number (516-318) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

k. *Description of the Application:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company requests Commission approval of its 5-Year Review and Update of its Land Use and Shoreline Management Plan. The 5-year Review and Update considers recreational use, lake management, and land use management of the project shoreline. Specifically, the 5-year Review and Update addresses park improvements, dock policy, buffer zone and forest management, land sales and environmental resources.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTEST," OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6564-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Compliance Assessment Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): [Information Collection Request for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Compliance Assessment Information, EPA ICR Number 1427.06, and OMB Control Number 2040-0110], expiring 09/30/00]. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All public comments shall be submitted to: Betty West, Office of Wastewater Management, Water Permits Division, MC 4203, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the proposed ICR without charge by calling or writing to Betty West at the Office of Wastewater Management, Water Permits Division, MC 4203, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-8486.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty West, telephone number (202) 260-8486; Facsimile Number (202) 260-1460; E-Mail address: west.betty@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are issued NPDES permits for the discharge of domestic wastewater, industrial wastewater, and storm water, and for the use and disposal of sewage sludge.

Title: Information Collection Agency Request for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Compliance Assessment Information. (OMB Control No. 1040-0110; EPA ICR No.1427.06.) expiring 09/30/00.

Abstract: Pollutant discharge limits in a NPDES permit are designed to be protective of the environment and the public. Permitting authorities must assess whether the permittee is complying with these discharge limits on a consistent basis. Compliance is assessed by reviewing records, compliance schedule reports, and noncompliance reports for a bypass, upset, or maximum daily violation. Permittees must maintain such records, meet compliance schedules, and report violations as mandated in 40 CFR parts 122 and 501. The information that is collected can lead the permitting authority to follow through with informal discussions with the permittee (telephone and/or letters), permit modification, or enforcement action.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The information collection for compliance assessment and certification activities will involve an estimated 16,532 respondents per year with 2.15 total annual average responses per respondent. The time required for a response varies; the average burden hours per respondent is 6.6 hours. EPA estimates that the total annual cost is \$19,161,763 for record keeping and \$3,884,689 for reporting for a total respondent cost of \$23,046,452. The total annual costs to respondents, recordkeepers, and government (excluding Federal government) is estimated to be \$24,518,940. The compliance assessment and certification activities will entail an annual burden of 827,968 hours of recordkeeping and 147,207 hours of reporting for a total of 975,175 burden hours. These activities will also entail 51,089 burden hours for State governments as users of data.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Michael B. Cook,
Director, Office of Wastewater Management.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6564-3]

Environmental Financial Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

The charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will be renewed for an additional two-year