

Filings in accordance with the provisions of section 4(d) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717c) are to contain information necessary to advise the Commission when a change in service has occurred. Under section 7(d) of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717f), the Commission may issue a temporary certificate in cases of emergency to assure maintenance of adequate service or to serve particular customers, without notice or hearing.

The FERC-576 initial reports are submitted by e-mail to pipelineoutage@ferc.gov or by facsimile transmission. Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 260.9(b) requires that a report of service interruption or damage to natural gas facilities state the: (1) Location of the service interruption or damage to natural gas pipeline or storage facilities;

(2) nature of any damage to pipeline or storage facilities; (3) specific identification of the facilities damaged; (4) time the service interruption or damage to the facilities occurred; (5) customers affected by the service interruption or damage to the facilities; (6) emergency actions taken to maintain service; and (7) company contact and telephone number. (In response to these reports, the Commission may contact the pipeline to determine the estimated duration of the outage, and if necessary, authorize emergency transportation or re-construction of facilities to alleviate the problem.) The company also reports to the Commission when pipeline throughput or storage deliverability has been restored.

Failure by the Commission to collect this information would mean that it is unable to monitor and evaluate our

regulated energy infrastructure, and remain apprised of the critical status of operations and reliability of interstate pipelines.

In coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), FERC has reviewed the pipeline damage reporting requirements. FERC and DOT have concluded that there is minimal duplication between the data collected here and that collected by DOT under 49 CFR 191. The intent, timing, and the information collected serve different needs, and a common reporting form is not appropriate.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no change to the existing requirements.

Burden Statement: Annual reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

FERC Data Collection—FERCt-576	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours ¹
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
Submittal to FERC of the original e-mail and follow-up e-mail ²	40	² 2	1	² 80
Submittal of damage report to state commissions	40	1	0.25	10
Submittal to FERC of copy of DOT incident report	40	1	0.25	10

The estimated cost burden to respondents³ is \$6,307 (100 hours × \$63.07 per hour = \$6,307).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

¹ The burden and cost figures may not be exact, due to rounding. For these calculations, the number of hours an employee works each year is 2,080.

² This includes the original e-mail, plus the follow-up e-mail (sent when throughput or storage deliverability has been restored).

³ Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' figures for wage estimates within 'NAICS 486200, Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas' (posted at http://www.bls.gov/oes/2008/may/naics4_486200.htm, for May 2008), the average hourly cost being used for these calculations is \$63.07. The total estimated cost burden provided here (\$6,307) updates and replaces the estimate (of \$6,076.15) provided in the 60-day Notice issued on 1/29/09.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization, rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P-516-459]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

May 29, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Applications:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-516-459.

c. *Date Filed:* August 28, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Saluda Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Saluda River in Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Newberry counties, South Carolina. The

project does not occupy any Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* William R. Argentieri, Manager-Civil Engineering, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 111 Research Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29203, (803) 217–9162.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery at (202) 502–8379, or lee.emery@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice, or July 29, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment."

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing 207.3-megawatt Saluda Project consists of a single development with the following features: (1) A 7,800-foot-long, 213-foot-high earth-fill dam (Saluda dam), with South Carolina State Highway 6 (Highway 6) running along the top of the dam; (2) a dike that extends 2,550 feet from the north end of the dam, running parallel with Highway 6; (3) a 2,900-foot-long emergency spillway, with six steel Taintor gates, that is located 500 feet from the south end of Saluda dam, and a spillway channel that reconnects with the Saluda River about 0.75 miles downstream from the Saluda powerhouse; (4) a 2,300-foot-long, 213-foot-high roller compacted concrete backup dam located along the downstream toe of the Saluda dam, with (i) a crest elevation of 372.0 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988

(NAVD88),¹ and (ii) rock fill embankment sections on the north and south ends of the backup dam, having a combined length of 5,700 feet; (5) a 41-mile-long, 50,900-acre reservoir (Lake Murray) at a full pool elevation of 358.5 feet NAVD88, with a total usable storage of approximately 635,000 acre-feet; (6) five 223-foot-high intake towers and associated penstocks; (7) a concrete and brick powerhouse containing four vertical Francis turbine generating units (three at 32.5 MW and one at 42.3 MW), and a fifth vertical Francis turbine generating unit (67.5 MW), which is enclosed in a weather-tight housing located on a concrete deck attached to the south end of the main powerhouse; (8) a 150-foot-long tailrace; and (9) appurtenant facilities. There is no transmission line or bypassed reach associated with the project.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing

responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12628–002]

The City of Nashua, IA; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

May 29, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 12628–002.

c. *Date Filed:* January 13, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* The City of Nashua, Iowa.

e. *Name of Project:* Cedar Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located at the existing Cedar Lake Dam, on the Cedar River, in Chickasaw County, Iowa. The project would not occupy any Federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Rebecca Neal, The City of Nashua, 402 Main Street, Nashua, IA 50658; (641) 435–4156.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Watts, Michael.Watts@ferc.gov, (202) 502–6123.

j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* June 29, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service

list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the

¹ The license application contains documents that provide elevations based on NAVD88 datum or based on Plant Datum. To convert from Plant Datum to NAVD88 datum, subtract 1.5 feet.