

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 the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://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) 208-2474.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on 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 Intent To File an Application for a New License

December 15, 2000.

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.
- b. *Project No:* 199.

c. *Date Filed:* November 20, 2000.

d. *Submitted By:* South Carolina Public Service Authority—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Santee and Cooper Rivers, in Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, and Sumter Counties, South Carolina. The project occupies U.S. lands in the Francis Marion National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* John Dulude, South Carolina Public Service Authority, One Riverwood Drive, P.O. Box 2946101, Moncks Corner, SC 29461 (843) 761-4046.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ron McKittrick, [ronald.mckittrick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:ronald.mckittrick@ferc.fed.us), (770) 452-3778.

j. *Effective date of current license:* May 1, 1979.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* March 31, 2006.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following two developments:

The Santee Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) The 50-foot-high, 7.5-mile-long Santee Dam comprised of: (i) a north earthen embankment dam; (ii) a gated concrete spillway section; and (iii) a south earthen embankment dam; (2) the 97, 274-acre Lake Marion reservoir; (3) a powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing a single generating unit with an installed capacity of 2 MW, (4) a 23-mile-long, 33-kV transmission line; and (5) other appurtenances.

The Cooper Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) The 100-foot-high, 2.1-mile-long Pinopolis Dam comprised of: (i) the east and west earthen embankment dams; and (ii) the east, west, and north dikes; (2) the 55,394-acre Lake Moultrie reservoir; (3) the Jefferies powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing five generating units with a total installed capacity of 132 MW, (4) a 4.5-mile-long tailrace canal connecting with the Cooper River; (5) a 115-kV transmission line; (6) a 7.5-mile-long diversion canal connecting Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie; (7) a 60-foot-wide, 180-foot-long navigational lock; and (8) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications

for license for this project must be filed by March 31, 2004.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 15, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).