

wooden flashboards; (3) a 2,866-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 177.2 feet NAVD 88 and a usable storage capacity of 30,893 acre-feet; (4) a powerhouse, integral to the dam, containing six pairs of turbine-generators, each pair with its own penstock and headgate, for a total installed capacity of 24.6 MW; and (5) a 900-foot-long tailrace channel.

The Tillery development is operated as a peaking facility with a typical drawdown of not more than 4 feet under normal conditions. The Blewett Falls development is operated as a re-regulating facility, smoothing out flows released from the upstream developments.

Alcoa Generating and Progress Energy propose to continue operating the projects with proposed protection and enhancement measures.

The proposed projects are described in detail in Scoping Document 1 (SD1).

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 email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Scoping Process.* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings. FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and three public meetings. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or more of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and

locations of these meetings are as follows:

Yadkin Evening Scoping Meeting #1

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST)
Place: Edward C. Smith Civic Center (Old Carolina Theatre)
Address: 217 South Main St., Lexington, NC

Yadkin Evening Scoping Meeting #2

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST)
Place: Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
Address: 26032-b Newt Road, Albemarle, NC

Yadkin-Pee Dee Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. (EST)
Place: Lockhart Taylor Center
At South Piedmont Community College
Address: 514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro, NC

Yadkin and Yadkin-Pee Dee Afternoon, Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Time: 1 p.m.–5 p.m. (EST)
Place: Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
Address: 26032-b Newt Road, Albemarle, NC

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Site Visit. We will also conduct a tour of the project sites over a 4-day period. Those interested are invited to attend all or part of the tours. Advanced registration is required in order to allow travel logistics to be arranged. If you would like to participate in the Yadkin site visits, please contact Jody Cason at jjcason@att.net or 804-639-6278 no later than Friday, January 12, 2007. If you would like to participate in the Yadkin-Pee Dee site visits, please contact Sandie Upchurch at 910-439-5211, ext 1201, no later than Friday, January 12, 2007.

Yadkin Project Site Visits

Monday, January 22*
9–9:30 Badin Boat Access Area
9:45–12 Narrows dam
12–1 Lunch
1:15–3 Falls dam
3:30–4 Old Whitney Access Area (if needed)

Tuesday, January 23*
9–10:30 Salisbury pump station
10:45–11:15 Dutch Second Creek Access Area
11:30–12 Rowan County Tailrace Access below High Rock reservoir
12–1 Lunch 1:15–2:30 High Rock dam
2:45–4 Tuckertown dam

Yadkin-Pee Dee Project Site Visits

Wednesday, January 24*

9–11 Meet at Morrow Mountain State Park
Tour Tillery Lake shore by van

Thursday, January 25*

9–9:30 Meet at Tillery powerhouse, safety orientation
9:30–11 Tour Tillery powerhouse and dam
11–12 Travel to Blewett powerhouse; lunch
12–12:15 Blewett orientation
12:15–1:15 Blewett powerhouse and spillway tour
1:15–1:30 Travel to Pee Dee boat ramp (Anson County)
1:30–2:30 Blewett Lake and Grassy Islands
2:30–2:45 Take out and depart

*Advanced registration is required in order to allow travel logistics to be arranged.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue;

(3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146–111—Alabama and Georgia]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Meeting To Conduct a Technical Conference for the Coosa River Project

December 21, 2006.

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:*
Thursday, January 11, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. (EST).

b. *Place*: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

c. *FERC Contact*: Janet Hutzal at (202) 502-8675 or e-mail at janet.hutzal@ferc.gov.

d. *Purpose of Meeting*: To discuss the additional information request, issued on December 8, 2006, for the Coosa River Project.

e. *Proposed Agenda*: 1. Introduction; 2. Meeting Objectives; and 3. Discussion of the information requested for: (a) project operations and engineering, (b) water and aquatic resources, (c) terrestrial resources, and (d) recreation resources.

f. A summary of the meeting will be prepared for the project's record.

g. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate either in person or by phone. Please call Janet Hutzal at (202) 502-8675 by January 5, 2007, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

h. FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-417-000]

Dominion Cove Point LNG; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 22, 2006.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 9:30 a.m. (EST) on Thursday, January 11, 2007 and, if appropriate, continuing on Friday, January 12, 2007 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the

Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

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For additional information, please contact Gopal Swaminathan (202 502-6132).

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6682-6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20060075, ERP No. D-AFS-J65458-00, Wasatch-Cache National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Program, Proposes to Treat Noxious Weeds 1.2 Million Acres of Wilderness and Non-Wilderness Areas, several counties, UT and Uinta County, WY.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about potential impacts to source and ground water. The Final EIS should include a monitoring and adaptive management program to assure that program objectives are met.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060213, ERP No. D-CGD-B03013-MA, Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port License Application to Import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) (USCG-2005-22219), Massachusetts Bay, City of Gloucester, MA.

Summary: EPA offered comments and suggestions about the analysis and discussion of impacts to air and water

quality and to marine organisms as well as measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate for unavoidable impacts from the project.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060325, ERP No. D-FRC-L05237-00, Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project, Application for Relicensing to Authorize the Continued Operation of Hydroelectric Project, Snake River, Washington and Adams Counties, ID and Wallowa and Baker Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections based on impacts to water temperature. EPA requested additional analysis of the potential for temperature control structures to minimize water quality impacts.

Rating EO2.

EIS No. 20060395, ERP No. D-FRC-L05238-00, Klamath Hydroelectric Project, Continued Operation for Hydropower License FERC No. 2082-27, Klamath River, Klamath County, OR and Siskiyou County, CA.

Summary: EPA has environmental objections to the proposed relicensing in light of the potential for the project to continue to cause or contribute to water quality criteria exceedence and related adverse impacts on designated uses. EPA recommended that the final EIS analyze, as appropriate, mitigation measures that would help meet applicable water quality standards. EPA also recommended that the final EIS evaluate an alternative that demonstrates that the project's contribution to water quality standard exceedences would be addressed throughout the Project area or discuss why such an alternative was not considered reasonable.

Rating EO2.

EIS No. 20060443, ERP No. D-AFS-L65525-AK, Baht Timber Sale Project, Proposes to Harvest Timber and Temporary Road Construction on Zarembo Island, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, AK.

Summary: EPA express environmental concerns about the potential for adverse impacts to water quality, aquatic resources, air quality, soils, and biological diversity from the proposed actions, especially related to roads. The Final EIS should include additional mitigation for impacts and more detail on the monitoring plan.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060445, ERP No. D-NPS-J65474-MT, Avalanche Hazard Reduction Project, Issuance of Special Use Permit for the Use of Explosives