

Commission considered each agency's ability to demonstrate a system or process which effectively captured, isolated, and reported FPA Part I costs as required by the Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form.

6. The Commission held a Technical Conference on March 28, 2019 to report its initial findings to licensees and OFAs. Representatives for several licensees and most of the OFAs attended the conference. Following the technical conference, a transcript was

posted, and licensees had the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission regarding its initial review.

7. Idaho Falls Group (Idaho Falls) filed written comments,¹⁰ stating its general support of the Commission's analysis but raising questions regarding certain various individual cost submissions. These issues are addressed in the Appendix to this notice.

8. After additional review, full consideration of the comments presented, and in accordance with the

previously cited guidance, the Commission accepted as reasonable any costs reported via the cost submission forms that were clearly documented in the OFAs' accompanying reports and/or analyses. These documented costs will be included in the administrative annual charges for FY 2019.

Summary of Reported & Accepted Costs for Fiscal Year 2018

	Municipal		Non-Municipal		TOTAL	
	Reported	Accepted	Reported	Accepted	Reported	Accepted
Department of Interior						
Bureau of Indian Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bureau of Land Management	21,691	21,691	-	-	21,691	21,691
Bureau of Reclamation	609	609	21,430	21,430	22,039	22,039
National Park Service	331,673	331,673	473,467	473,467	805,141	805,141
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	321,933	321,933	1,167,397	1,167,397	1,489,330	1,489,330
Office of the Solicitor	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance	31,703	31,703	75,462	75,462	107,166	107,166
Office of Hearings and Appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture						
U.S. Forest Service	739,622	580,291	1,500,079	1,634,462	2,239,701	2,214,753
Department of Commerce						
National Marine Fisheries Service	901,844	1,020,974	868,617	645,811	1,770,461	1,666,785
TOTAL	2,349,075	2,308,874	4,106,454	4,018,029	6,455,528	6,326,904

Figure 1

9. Figure 1 summarizes the total reported costs incurred by Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce with respect to their participation in administering Part I of the FPA. Additionally, Figure 1 summarizes the reported costs that the Commission determined were clearly documented and accepted for inclusion in its FY 2019 administrative annual charges.

Summary Findings of Commission's Costs Review

10. As presented in Figure 1, the Commission has determined that \$6,326,904 of the \$6,455,528 in total reported costs were reasonable and clearly documented in the OFAs' accompanying reports and/or analyses. Based on this finding, 2% of the total reported cost was determined to be unreasonable. The Commission notes the most significant issue with the documentation provided by the OFAs was the lack of supporting documentation to substantiate costs reported on the "Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form."

11. The cost reports that the Commission determined were clearly

documented and supported could be traced to detailed cost-accounting reports, which reconciled to data provided from agency financial systems or other pertinent source documentation. A further breakdown of these costs is included in the Appendix to this notice, along with an explanation of how the Commission determined their reasonableness.

Points of Contact

12. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Norman Richardson at (202) 502-6219 or Raven Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276.

Dated: July 17, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2698-110]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Temporary variance from reservoir level (Article 401) requirements to conduct spillway upgrade work.

b. *Project No.:* 2698-110.

c. *Date Filed:* July 9, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* East Fork Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the East Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina.

¹⁰ See Letter from Sharon L. White, Van Ness Feldman, to the Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, FERC, Docket No. AD19-5-000 (filed April 30, 2019).

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Lineberger, Director, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 S Church Street, Mail Stop EC12Y, Charlotte, NC 28202, Jeff.Lineberger@duke-energy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Calloway at 202–502–8041, or michael.calloway@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2698–110.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee is proposing to drawdown the Cedar Cliff Hydroelectric Development's reservoir 30 feet below normal pool for 25 months starting September 3, 2019, and ending by September 31, 2021 in order to complete auxiliary spillway upgrades for project safety purposes. The licensee's proposal states that auxiliary spillway will be removed, and that the spillway area will be modified by rock splitting and blasting to lower the sill to 2,305 ft above mean sea level to accommodate 6 Fusegates. This includes construction of a new access road to facilitate the construction activity. It is proposed that resulting spoil material will be placed in the reservoir per the requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 individual permit and the Section 401 Water Quality Certification conditions from the North Carolina Division of Water Resource. The licensee is proposing to implement mitigation measures to protect Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats that were required by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Furthermore, the licensee plans to close the public access boat ramp for the duration of the drawdown, and plans to repave the parking lot and remove sediment from the launch area during the closure.

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 202–502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website 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. 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, call 866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202–502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS; PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (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. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the temporary variance in reservoir level and spillway replacement project 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. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: July 17, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP19–1385–000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: New GT&C Section—Indemnification at Stratton Ridge to be effective 9/1/2019.

Filed Date: 7/15/19.

Accession Number: 20190715–5101.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/29/19.

Docket Numbers: RP19–1386–000.

Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing X–130 Abandonment to be effective 7/8/2019.

Filed Date: 7/16/19.

Accession Number: 20190716–5065.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/29/19.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings