

We are asking agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to help us identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA, and to provide us with information that may be useful in preparing the EA by submitting written scoping comments.

To help focus comments on the environmental issues, a Scoping Document 1 that outlines subject areas to be addressed in the EA will soon be mailed to those on the mailing list for the project. The Scoping Document 1 will also be available from the address and website listed in item m above. For further information, please contact Brandi Bradford at (202) 219-2789.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

December 21, 2000.

Take notice the following Settlement Agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement on New Minor License Application.

b. *Project No.:* 2694-002, Project Name; Queens Creek, Applicant; Nantahala Power and Light, a Division of Duke Engineering Corporation.

c. *Date Settlement Agreement Filed:* October 30, 2000.

d. *Location:* On Queens Creek, near the town of Topton, in Macon County, North Carolina. The project would not utilize federal lands.

e. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

f. *Applicant Contact:* John Wishon; 301 NP&L Loop Road; Franklin, NC 28734; (828) 369-4604.

g. *FERC Contact:* Kevin Whalen (202) 219-2790.

h. *Deadline dates: Comments due:* January 29, 2001. *Replay comments due:* February 12, 2001.

i. *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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

Protests, comments on filings, comments on environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, and reply comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

j. A Settlement Agreement was filed with the Commission on October 30, 2000. The agreement is the final, executed Queens Creek Settlement Agreement for Project No. 2694. The purpose of the agreement is to resolve among the signatory parties issues related to reservoir operating limits, recreational facility improvements, and minimum flows in the bypass reach, as well as other resolved subjects. Comments and reply comments on the Settlement Agreement are due as indicated in item h. above.

l. A copy of the offer of settlement 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 Settlement Agreement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item f above.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 21, 2000.

a. *Type of Application:* Application to Convey 5 Parcels totaling 20.71 Acres of Project Land for Residential Development.

b. *Project No.:* 516-329, 516-330, 516-331, 516-332, and 516-333.

c. *Date Filed:* November 27, 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, Beth Trump, Real Estate Coordinator, (803) 217-7912.

i. *FERC contact:* John K. Hannula, (202) 219-0116.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Please include the project number (516-329, etc.) 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. *Description of the Application:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company requests Commission approval to sell 5 parcels of project fringeland totaling 20.7 acres for residential development to:

Subdocket No.	Buyer's name	Size in acres +/-	Location
-329	Hamm Estate	4.57	Off Macedonia Church Road, Newberry County.
-330	Michel Hawkins	4.53	Off R 391, Saluda County.
-331	Kenneth Chapman	5.0	Off Wildwood Road, Saluda County.
-332	Nick Leventis	5.0	Off Road S-41-89, Saluda County.
-333	Brent Richardson	1.61	Off Dreher Island Rd., Lexington County.