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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As of November 2005 there are 36.4 million gallons (Mgal) of liquid radioactive waste stored in underground waste storage tanks at SRS. The waste consists of two distinct kinds of material: approximately 2.6 Mgal of sludge, comprised primarily of metals that settled at the bottom of the tanks; and approximately 33.8 Mgal of salt waste, which is comprised of concentrated salt solution (supernate) and crystallized saltcake.

DOE's plans call for stabilizing and disposing of retrieved sludge in a deep geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. This will be done by stabilizing the HLW in a borosilicate glass matrix through vitrification in a facility known as the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF). This process has been ongoing since 1996.

Regarding the salt waste, DOE plans to remove cesium, strontium, and actinides from these materials using a variety of technologies, combining the removed cesium, strontium, and actinides with the sludge being vitrified in DWPF, and solidifying the remaining low-activity salt stream into a grout matrix, known as saltstone grout, suitable for disposal in vaults at the Saltstone Disposal Facility at SRS. The disposal of this low-activity salt stream on site is the subject of this section 3116 determination.

DOE is separating the salt waste to segregate the low-activity fraction using a two-phase, three-part process. The first phase will involve two parts to treat the lower activity salt waste: (1) Beginning in 2006, DOE will process a minimal amount of the lowest-activity salt waste through a process involving deliquification, dissolution, and adjustment of the waste; and (2) beginning in 2007, DOE will process a minimal amount of additional salt waste with slightly higher activity levels using an Actinide Removal Process and a Modular Caustic Side Solvent Extraction Unit. The second, and longer-term phase, which is scheduled to begin in 2011, involves the separation and processing of the remaining (and by far the majority) of the salt waste using a high capacity Salt Waste Processing Facility, augmented as necessary by the Actinide Removal Process. This second

phase will begin as soon as the Salt Waste Processing Facility is constructed, permitted by the State of South Carolina, and operational.

DOE believes that this two-phase, three-part approach to processing and disposing of the salt waste at SRS will enable it to complete cleanup and closure of the tanks years earlier and maximize reduction of the potential risks that the tank wastes pose to the environment, the public, and SRS workers. Taken together, the various technologies that will be used are expected to result in the removal and vitrification through the DWPF of 98 to 99 percent of the total radioactivity currently contained in the salt waste, while minimizing the time that waste will be stored in the underground tanks, some of which have a known history of leaks.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2006.

**James A. Rispoli,**

*Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL06-46-000]

#### **Tucson Electric Power Company, Complainant, v. El Paso Electric Company, Respondent; Notice of Complaint**

January 17, 2006.

Take notice that on January 11, 2006, Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) filed a complaint against El Paso Electric Company (EPE) pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules. TEP states that EPE has refused to permit TEP to use transmission rights on certain EPE transmission facilities that were assigned to it in a Tucson-El Paso Power Exchange and Transmission Agreement on file with the Commission (Power Exchange Agreement) for transmission of electricity from the newly-constructed Luna Generating Station near Deming, NM, to the TEP electric system. TEP has asked for Fast Track Processing of the Complaint and for prompt issuance of an order requiring EPE to refrain from disconnecting the Luna Generating Station to the TEP grid and to transmit electricity from TEP's share of the Luna Generating Station to the TEP service territory in accordance with the terms of the Power Exchange Agreement.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 31, 2006.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Combined Notice of Filings #1**

January 17, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings.

*Docket Numbers:* ER01-205-010; ER98-2640-008; ER98-4590-006; ER99-1610-013; EL05-115-000.

*Applicants:* Xcel Energy Services, Inc.; Northern States Power Company; Public Service Company of Colorado; Southwestern Public Service Company,

New Century Services, Inc.; Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

*Description:* Xcel Energy Services, Inc., on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Co. *et al.* submit an amendment to its updated market power analysis in response to FERC's December 8, 2005 letter and January 12, 2006 revision filing for Attachment B to this filing.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0038.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER01-642-004; ER01-1335-006; ER01-1011-008.

*Applicants:* Cottonwood Energy Company LP; Magnolia Energy LP; Redbud Energy LP.

*Description:* Cottonwood Energy, LP, Magnolia Energy LP and Redbud Energy LP submit an amended notification of change in status under market-based rate authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0035.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER01-642-005; ER01-1335-007; ER01-1011-009.

*Applicants:* Cottonwood Energy Company LP; Magnolia Energy LP; Redbud Energy LP.

*Description:* Cottonwood Energy Co., LP *et al.* submit revisions to their respective market-based tariff to include a Conduct of Conduct.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0145.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER03-394-004; ER03-427-004; ER03-175-006.

*Applicants:* Elk Hills Power, LLC; Mesquite Power, LLC, Termoelectrica U.S., LLC.

*Description:* Elk Hills Power, LLC, Mesquite Power, LLC, *et al.* submit an updated market power analysis pursuant to FERC's March 21, 2003 Order.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0124.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER05-1312-001; EC05-123-000.

*Applicants:* Monongahela Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company.

*Description:* Monongahela Power Co., on behalf of Columbus Southern Power Co., notifies FERC that the dispositions and acquisition of the jurisdiction facilities authorized by such order was consummated on December 31, 2005.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0146.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-318-001.

*Applicants:* North American Energy Credit and Clearing.

*Description:* North American Energy Credit and Clearing submits supplemental information and a revised rate schedule to amend the Petition for Acceptance of Initial Rate Schedule, Wavier and Blanket Authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0147.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-326-001.

*Applicants:* North American Energy Credit and Clearing.

*Description:* North American Energy Credit & Clearing submits supplemental information and a revised rate schedule to amend the Petition for Acceptance of Initial Rate Schedule, Waivers & Blanket Authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0148.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-463-000.

*Applicants:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.

*Description:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc., submits the required ministerial changes to the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, Small Generator Interconnection Procedures and Small Gen. Interconnection Agreement sections of its Yadkin OATT.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0323.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-464-000.

*Applicants:* Highlands Energy Group LLC.

*Description:* Highlands Energy Group, LLC's petition for acceptance of initial rate schedule, waivers, and blanket authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0324.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-466-000.

*Applicants:* EL Paso Electric Company.

*Description:* El Paso Electric Co., submits an unexecuted Service Agreement with Tucson Electric Power Co.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0326.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-470-000.

*Applicants:* Alcoa Power Generating Inc.

*Description:* Alcoa Power Generating Inc., submits required ministerial changes to the Large Generator

Interconnection Agreement, and Small Generator Interconnection Agreement sections of its Tapoco Division OATT.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0329.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER96-1551-015; ER01-615-011.

*Applicants:* Public Service Company of New Mexico.

*Description:* Public Service Co. of New Mexico, submits filing of a possible change in status with regard to the characteristics that the Commission previously relied upon in granting PNM Market-Based Rate Authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0177.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER98-1150-007.

*Applicants:* Tucson Electric Power Company.

*Description:* Tucson Electric Power Co., submits filing of a change in status with regard to the characteristics that the Commission relied upon in granting market-based rate authority.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060113-0125.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER99-1757-009; EL05-67-000.

*Applicants:* The Empire District Electric Company.

*Description:* The Empire District Electric Co., submits additional information in response to the Commission's deficiency letter order dated December 9, 2005.

*Filed Date:* January 9, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0306.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, January 30, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER99-3077-002.

*Applicants:* Colorado Power Partners.

*Description:* Colorado Power Partners submits an amendment to its triennial updated market power analysis and substitute tariff sheets to FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0036.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

*Docket Numbers:* ER99-3197-002.

*Applicants:* BIV Generation Company LLC.

*Description:* BIV Generation Co., LLC submits an amendment to its triennial updated market power analysis and Substitute tariff sheets to FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.

*Filed Date:* January 10, 2006.

*Accession Number:* 20060112-0037.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11588-011, Alaska]

#### Alaska Power and Telephone Company; Notice of Availability of Environment Assessment

January 17, 2006.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by the Alaska Power and Telephone Company (licensee) on October 17, 2005, requesting Commission approval to make certain design and site location changes to project facilities as licensed. The changes include: (1) Constructing a 675-foot-long, 9 foot horseshoe tunnel to provide a route for the upper section of the penstock and access to the diversion structure, (2) altering the penstock composition and alignment and the alignment and width of the access road for a length of 2,860 feet, (3) moving the powerhouse 80 feet south of the original location and increase the tailrace length from 75 feet to 163 feet, (4) moving the marine access about 600 feet north of the original location and construct a 250-foot-long jetty with a quay and boat ramp; and (5) constructing a 33,000 square-foot rockfill staging area onshore.

The EA evaluates the environmental impacts that would result from approving the licensee's proposed changes to certain project facilities and locations. Some additional ground disturbance would occur but impacts to the terrestrial and marine environments are expected to be minor and short term. The EA finds that approval of the amendment application would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Amending License", issued January 12, 2006, and is available in the Commission's Public Reference Room. A copy of the EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-11588) in the docket field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 17, 2006.

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

- a. *Application Type*: Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.
- b. *Project No.*: 2503-092.
- c. *Date Filed*: December 21, 2005.
- d. *Applicant*: Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project*: Keowee-Toxaway Project.
- f. *Location*: Lake Keowee is located in Pickens and Oconee County, South Carolina. This project does not occupy any tribal or federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r) and 799 and 801.
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Joe Hall, Lake Management Representative; Duke Energy Corporation; P.O. Box 1006; Charlotte, NC 28201-1006; 704-382-8576.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Brian Romanek at (202) 502-6175 or by e-mail: [Brian.Romanek@ferc.gov](mailto:Brian.Romanek@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: February 17, 2006.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2503-092) on any comments or motions filed. Comments, protests, and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages e-filings.

k. *Description of Request*: Duke Power, licensee for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project, has requested Commission authorization to lease project lands to Outerbanks, Inc. for the purpose of reconfiguring a marina previously approved by the Commission. The reconfiguration would reduce the existing marina footprint from 1.62 acres to 1.56 acres and the number of boat slips from 56 to 54. The marina would accommodate residents of the Outerbanks Subdivision on Lake