

front of this notice. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.

#### Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the

courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9202-160—Colorado]

##### Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 15, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 380), the Office of Energy Projects has prepared an

environmental assessment (EA) regarding Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District's (District) request for a non-capacity license amendment for the Stagecoach Project (FERC No. 9202) located on the Yampa River in Routt County, Colorado. The District requests Commission approval to amend the project's license to (1) Increase the height of the project dam spillway's crest elevation by 4 feet, and (2) increase the maximum operating storage elevation of Stagecoach Reservoir by 4 feet. This would increase the maximum storage capacity in Stagecoach Reservoir from 33,275 acre-feet to 36,460 acre-feet, and increase the project's potential for increasing downstream water supply. This EA concludes that the proposed license amendment, with staff's recommended mitigation measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room. The EA also may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-9202) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676. For TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For further information regarding this notice, please contact B. Peter Yarrington at (202) 502-6129, or via e-mail at [peter.yarrington@ferc.gov](mailto:peter.yarrington@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-561—NC]

##### Catawba-Wateree Project; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 15, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Duke Energy