

right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

Issued April 16, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is requiring the seismic remediation of the Saluda Dam, part of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 516). The Saluda Dam impounds the 48,000-acre Lake Murray and is located in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Saluda counties, South Carolina. Remediation of the dam is being required to ensure public safety, pursuant to Paragraph 12.4 (b) (2) (iv) of the Commission's Regulations, and will necessitate a temporary partial drawdown of Lake Murray. The drawdown will lower the reservoir approximately 15 feet below its normal

operating level for approximately 20 months.

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Saluda Dam Remediation Project, which will be used by the Commission to identify impacts and to identify measures that may help mitigate the impacts caused by the project. To support and assist our environmental review, we are beginning the public scoping process to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and analyzed, and that the environmental document is thorough and balanced.

We invite the participation of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and will be preparing Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written and verbal comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA. The SD1 will be distributed to parties on the mailing list for this project, as well as other individuals and organizations that we have identified as having an interest in this project. The SD1 will be available from our Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. It will also be accessible online at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call (202)-208-2222 for assistance).

We will hold two scoping meetings on May 17, 2002, to receive input on the appropriate scope of the environmental analysis. Both meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC. A resource agency meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The public meeting will be held 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The public and agencies may attend either or both meetings. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input.

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (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 EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis. Staff will also be

soliciting input on potential measures that could be implemented to minimize the impacts of the remediation project, including the drawdown.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record for this project.

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

Interested parties may also file written scoping comments. All such comments (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The deadline for filing scoping comments is June 21, 2002.

Scoping 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Please direct any questions about the scoping process to John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License, Substitution of Relicense Applicant, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

April 15, 2002.

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

a. *Application Types:* (1) Transfer of License and (2) Request for Substitution of Applicant for New License.

b. *Project Nos:* 7000-016 and 7000-015.

c. *Date Filed:* April 8, 2002.

d. *Applicants:* Newton Falls Holdings, LLC (transferor) and Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.C. (transferee).

e. *Project Name and Location:* The Newton Falls Project is on the East Branch of the Oswegatchie River near the Village of Newton Falls in St. Lawrence County, New York. The project does not occupy federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts:* For Transferor: Harold G. Slone, Manager, Newton Falls Holdings, LLC, 1930 West Wesley Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327, (770) 638–1172. For Transferee: William J. Madden, Jr., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–3502, (202) 371–5700.

h. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 219–2839.

i. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, and comments:* June 15, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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.

Please include the noted project numbers on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal:* The Applicants request approval of the transfer of the license for Project No. 7000 from the transferor to the transferee, in connection with the proposed sale of the project.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for Project No. 7000, which is the subject of a pending relicensing application. In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 FR 23,756; FERC Stats. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986–1990 30,854 at p. 31,437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer requests to determine if the primary purpose of the transfer was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing (id. at p. 31,438 n. 318).

The transfer application also contains a separate request for approval of the substitution of the transferee for the transferor as the applicant in the pending relicensing application, filed by the transferor on January 30, 2002, in Project No. 7000–015.

k. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. (Call (202) 208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item g above.

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

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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9185–000]

Notice of Intent To File for New License

April 16, 2002.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.

b. *Project No.:* 9185–000.

c. *Date Filed:* April 1, 2002.

d. *Submitted By:* Flambeau Hydro, LLC—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Clam River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Clam River near the City of Danbury, in Burnett County, Wisconsin. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Loyal Gake, Flambeau Hydro, LLC, P.O. Box 167, 116 State Street, Neshkoro, WI 54960 (920) 293–4628.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.gov, (202) 219–2778.

j. *Effective date of current license:* April 1, 1957.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* March 31, 2007.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 40-foot-high, 54-foot-long dam with spillway section; (2) an 898-foot-long earth dike on the left side of the spillway, and a 223-foot-long earth dike on the right side; (3) a reservoir with a storage capacity of 3,825 acre-feet at a maximum pool elevation of 898.95 feet msl; (4) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 1,200 kW; (5) a 100-foot-long, 2.4 kV transmission line; and (6) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by March 31, 2005.

n. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction by