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II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Settlement Agreement

A. How Can I Get a Copy of the Settlement Agreement?

Direct your comments to the official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2006-0104 which contains a copy of the settlement agreement. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

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Dated: February 2, 2006.

Richard B. Ossias,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree, to address a deadline suit filed by Sierra Club: *Sierra Club v. Johnson*, No. 05CV02177 (RMC) (D. DC). On July 9, 2002 and November 18, 2002, Sierra Club petitioned EPA to object to certain Clean Air Act Title V permit amendments proposed by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for steam generating plants at (1) Georgia Power's Bowen Steam-Electric Generating Plant ("the Bowen plant") and (2) the Bowen, McDonough/Atkinson, Yates, Hammond, Wansley, Scherer, and Branch Steam-Electric Generating Plants (collectively "the seven power plants") in the State of Georgia. Subsequently, Sierra Club filed suit, alleging that the Administrator failed to perform his nondiscretionary duty to respond to the petitions within sixty days of the date they were filed. Under the terms of today's proposed consent decree, EPA has agreed to respond to the petitions by March 15, 2006, and Sierra Club has agreed that if EPA does so, Sierra Club will dismiss its suit with prejudice. In addition, EPA has agreed to pay Sierra Club a specified amount in settlement for attorneys' fees in this matter.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by March 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2006-0105, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method); by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov; mailed to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Wordperfect or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form

of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard J. Hoffman, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-5582; fax number (202) 564-5603; e-mail address: hoffman.howard@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

This proposed consent decree would resolve a deadline suit to require EPA to respond to two administrative petitions that EPA object to certain Title V permit amendments proposed by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for the Bowen plant and the seven power plants in the State of Georgia. Under the proposed decree, Sierra Club would agree to dismiss the lawsuit if the Administrator responds to the petitions by March 15, 2006. The consent decree does not specify the type of response that the Administrator must make to the petitions. If the consent decree becomes final and the Administrator responds to the petitions by March 15, 2006, Sierra Club will dismiss the case and EPA will pay Sierra Club a specified amount in settlement of its claims for attorneys' fees.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines, based on any comment which may be submitted, that consent to the consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the decree will be affirmed.

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Dated: February 1, 2006.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050347, ERP No. D-DOE-B05194-ME, Bangor Hydro-Electric Northeast Reliability Interconnect, Construct, Connect, Operate and