

- 122 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline in Laurens, Wheeler, Jeff Davis, Appling, Wayne and Glynn Counties, Georgia. The Brunswick Line begins at MP 53.8 in Laurens County and extends to MP 175.3 in Glynn County;

- Six meter stations: Eastman, Alamo, Hazelhurst, Baxley, Jesup, and Brunswick, which exist in the counties listed above; and

- The Belle Vista Regulator Station.

Southern also seeks authorization to construct a meter station in order to provide a new delivery point to AGL at the existing Eastman Meter Station site near MP 53.8 in Laurens County, Georgia. All work proposed for the construction of the new meter station would be performed within the existing Eastman Meter Station site.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require a total of 50.38 acres of land. Following construction, about 0.71 acre would be maintained as new right-of-way. The remaining 49.67 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the

proposed projects under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed projects or portions of the projects, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Southern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- 7 residences are within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way;
- 13 federally listed or proposed threatened and endangered species may occur along the proposed project area;
- 24 perennial waterbodies would be crossed by the proposed pipelines; and
- 4.88 acres of wetlands would be affected by the proposed pipelines.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes and locations) and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;

- Reference Docket Nos. CP95-289-000 and CP95-292-000;

- Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Kari Schank, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 21, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Schank at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Kari Schank, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0116.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Wisconsin Public Service Corp.; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Multiple-Project Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Site Visits and Public Scoping Meetings

June 14, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received applications for new or subsequent license (relicense) from the Wisconsin

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Public Service Corporation (WPSC) for the following six existing hydropower projects owned and operated by WPSC on the Peshtigo River in Marinette County, Wisconsin: the Caldron Falls Project, FERC No. 2525; the High Falls Project, FERC No. 2595; the Johnson Falls Project, FERC No. 2522; the Sandstone Rapids Project, FERC No. 2546; the Potato Rapids Project, FERC No. 2560; and the Peshtigo Project, FERC No. 2581.

After reviewing the applications, supplemental filings, and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff has concluded that relicensing these six projects would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Moreover, given the location and interaction of the six projects, staff will prepare one multiple-project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes and evaluates the probable impacts of the applicant's proposed and alternative operating procedures, environmental enhancement measures, and additional river access facilities for all six projects.

The staff's EIS will consider both site specific and cumulative environmental impacts of relicensing the six projects and will include economic and financial analyses.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the FERC staff and considered in a final EIS.

One element of the EIS process is scoping and a site visit. These activities are initiated early to:

- Identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the EIS;
- Identify significant environmental issues related to the operation of the existing projects;
- Determine the depth of analysis for issues that will be discussed in the EIS; and
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis in the EIS.

Site Visits

A site visit to each of the six projects will be held over a two-day period: Tuesday, July 11, 1995, and Wednesday, July 12, 1995. The purpose of these visits is for interested persons to observe existing area resources and site conditions, learn the locations of proposed new facilities, and discuss project operational procedures with representatives of WPSC and the Commission.

For details concerning the site visits, please contact Greg Egtvedt of WPSC in Greenbay, Wisconsin at (414) 433-5713.

Scoping Meetings

The FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings: the evening meeting is designed to obtain input from the general public, while the morning meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, agencies, and Indian Tribes are invited to attend either or both meetings in order to assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the multiple-project EIS.

To help focus discussions, a preliminary EIS scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed at the meeting will be distributed by mail to persons and entities on the FERC mailing lists for the six Peshtigo River projects. Copies of the preliminary scoping document also will be made available at the scoping meetings.

The evening meeting for the general public will be held from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 12, 1995, in the Best Western Riverfront Inn, located at 1821 Riverside Avenue in Marinette, Wisconsin.

The agency meeting will be held at the same location from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 13, 1995.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

Both meetings, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Peshtigo River projects. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meetings start and identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to offer us verbal guidance during the public meetings. Speaking time allowed for individuals at the evening public meetings will be determined before that meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but all speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the multiple-project EIS;

- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis;
- Solicit from the meeting participants all available information,

especially quantifiable data, concerning significant local resources; and

- Encourage statement from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

Information Requested

Federal and state resource agencies, Indian tribes, local government officials, interested groups, area residents, and concerned individuals are requested to provide any information they believe will assist the Commission staff to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with relicensing the six projects. The types of information sought included the following:

- Data, reports, and resource plans that characterize the physical, biological or social environments in the vicinity of the projects; and
- Information and data that helps staff identify or evaluate significant environmental issues.

Scoping information and associated comments should be submitted to the Commission no later than July 31, 1995. Written comments should be provided at the scoping meetings or mailed to the Commission, as follows: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h).

All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page:

Project No. 2525-004: Caldron Falls Project
Project No. 2595-005: High Falls Project
Project No. 2522-002 Johnson Falls Project
Project No. 2546-001: Sandstone Rapids Project
Project No. 2560-001: Potato Rapids Project
Project No. 2581-002: Peshtigo Project

Intervenors and interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) who file documents with the Commission are reminded of the Commission's Rules or Practice and Procedure requiring them to serve a copy of all documents filed with the Commission on each person whose name is listed on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes in Washington, DC at (202) 219-2780.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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