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**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2466-017]

#### Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for proposed spillway stability improvements to the Niagara Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2466). The EA finds that approval of the proposed improvements would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Niagara Hydroelectric Project is located on the Roanoke River in Roanoke County, Virginia.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below. For further information, please contact the project manager, Robert J. Fletcher, at (202) 219-1206.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-323]

#### Duke Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's)

regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed Duke Power Company's application requesting Commission authorization to: (1) Grant an easement to the Town of Valdese, North Carolina (Valdese) to expand its raw water withdrawal facilities on 0.04 acres of land within the boundary of the Catawba-Wateree Project, and (2) allow Valdese to withdraw up to 12 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from Lake Rhodhiss.

The staff of OHL's Division of Licensing and Compliance has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 9648-011, 9649-011, and 9650-020]

#### Westinghouse Electric Corporation (Fellows Dam Project, Lovejoy Dam Project, and Gilman Dam Project); Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA examines plans for the installation of downstream Atlantic Salmon fish passage at the Fellows Dam Project, Lovejoy Dam Project, and Gilman Dam Project, all located on the Black River, Vermont. The DEA recommends the planning and installation of downstream fish passage at the Fellows Dam and Lovejoy Dam projects, following final consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. The DEA finds that safe downstream passage already exists at the Gilman Project through the open

natural downstream channel adjacent to that project. The DEA also finds that approval of the work would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 40 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 9648-011, 9649-011, and 9650-020 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Pete Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-337-000, et al.]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, et al. Natural Gas Certificate Filings

April 29, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. Koch Gateway Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP97-337-000]

Take notice that on April 11, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-337-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation certain gathering and transmission facilities located in Goliad, DeWitt, Karnes and Bee Counties, Texas; all as more fully set forth in the Application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.