

at the site to protect the area's environmental resources. Thus, staff concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4718-011]

Cocheco Falls Associates; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

December 15, 1999.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for petitions to revise the license for the Cocheco Falls Project with respect to fish passage. The DEA recommends reasonable modifications to project structures and operation to benefit fish passage and that such modifications 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 in the Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, of the Commission's Offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comments on the DEA are invited. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers for substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be filed within 60 days from the date of this notice with David P. Boergers, Secretary, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and should reference Project No. 4718.

For further information, please contact the project manager, Mr. Robert H. Grieve, at (202) 219-2655.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2177-037]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 15, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Hydropower Licensing has received the application requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the Smiths Water and Sewer Authority (Authority) to increase the rate of water withdrawal at its existing pumping station at Lake Oliver reservoir to 8.0 million gallons per day and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action.

Existing facilities at the Authority's water pumping station are able to accommodate the increased water withdrawal; consequently, the proposed action would not require any new construction activity.

Lake Oliver, the reservoir formed by Oliver Dam, is the second of three impoundments that comprise the Middle Chattahoochee Project. The project's three developments about one another over a 16-mile-long distance of the Chattahoochee River.

In the EA, Commission staff does not identify any significant impacts that would result from Commission's approval of the proposed additional water withdrawal from Lake Oliver reservoir. Further, staff finds that Commission-imposed mitigative or enhancement measures are not needed at the site to protect the area's environmental resources. Thus, staff concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/

[online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted For Filing With The Commission and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protest

December 15, 1999.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-2631-007.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 31, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* International Paper Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Woronoco Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Westfield River in the Town of Russell, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:*

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i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer (202) 219-0365 or E-mail at allan.creamer@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for Filing Motions to Intervene and Protest:* February 4, 2000.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph E1.

l. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river project would consist of the following features: (1) two non-contiguous dam sections, with lengths of about 307 feet (North dam) and 351 feet (South dam), and a crest elevation of 229 feet NGVD; (2) a 655-foot-long earthen dike with a sheet steel core; (3) a 40-foot-wide by 15-foot-high intake structure, having trashracks with 1.25-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 550-foot-long penstock; (5) a powerhouse