

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of facilities by Southern LNG. The project involves returning to active service Southern LNG's existing, certificated liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine import terminal near Savannah, Georgia (Elba Island Terminal). The existing authorized facilities at the Elba Island Terminal include the following:

- LNG unloading facilities, including marine berth, pier, and arms for unloading LNG from vessels;
- LNG storage facilities, including three double-wall storage tanks, each with the capacity of 400,000 barrels (4 billion cubic feet vaporized equivalent);
- LNG sendout facilities, including pumps and vaporizers with a maximum capacity of 540 million cubic feet per day;
  - Boil-off compressors;
  - Pressure relief, vent, and disposal systems;
  - Spill containment facilities, including a 400,000-barrel capacity main spill containment for each LNG storage tank; and
  - Fire water system sourced from a fresh-water pond and river water.

The storage and vaporization facilities would not be significantly altered, replaced or relocated. The storage and throughput capacity of the facilities would remain the same as originally placed in service in 1978. The recommissioning work will include the following:

- Install suction drum level control and minimum flow piping;
- Replace two LNG pumps;
- Install LNG recirculation piping;
- Install an additional boil-off compressor (1,000-horsepower);
- Install LNG tank level, density and temperature gauges;
  - Upgrade fire protection system;
  - Upgrade hazard detection system;
  - Install intrusion detection system;
  - Renew dredging of berthing area and turning basin;
  - Increase dredged material basin capacity;
  - Modify power distribution switchgear to allow parallel operation with utility (under consideration); and
  - Install distributed control and data acquisition system.

The proposed improvements would bring the facilities into compliance with applicable current code requirements and would update the safety, security, operability and reliability of the terminal.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide open-access service to shippers desiring to contract for

receipt, storage, and vaporization of LNG and delivery of vaporized LNG at the existing point of interconnect with the interstate pipeline of Southern Natural Gas Company. The Elba Island Terminal has an average design natural gas sendout rate of 322 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD), with a maximum capacity of 540 MMSCFD.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP99-579-000 and CP99-588-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 11, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

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

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website

(www.ferc.fed.us) 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) 208-2474.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License

January 7, 2000.

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

b. *Project No.:* 2177.

c. *Date Filed:* December 21, 1999.

d. *Submitted By:* Georgia Power Company—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Chattahoochee Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Chattahoochee River, near the cities of Columbus, Phenix City and Smith's, in Harris and Muscogee Counties, Georgia, and Chambers, Lee, and Russell Counties, Alabama.

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

h. *Licensee Contact:* George Martin, Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (404) 506-1357.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, (202) 219-2778, or Ron McKittrick, ronald.mckittrick@ferc.fed.us, (770) 452-3778 regarding the alternative licensing procedures.

j. *Effective date of current license:* January 1, 1955.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* December 31, 2004.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following three developments:

The Goat Rock Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A

75-foot-high concrete dam comprised of an overflow spillway section surmounted with 4-foot-high flashboards; (2) the 6-mile-long, 1,050-acre Goat Rock reservoir at a normal pool elevation of 404 feet msl; (3) a powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing six generating units with a total installed capacity of 26,000 kW, and (4) other appurtenances.

The Oliver Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 70-foot-high concrete dam comprised of a gated spillway section; (2) the 8.5-mile-long, 2,150-acre Lake Oliver reservoir at a normal pool elevation of 337 feet msl; (3) a powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing four generating units with a total installed capacity of 60,000 kW, and (4) other appurtenances.

The North Highlands Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 40-foot-high concrete masonry dam comprised of an overflow spillway section surmounted with 3.5-foot-high flashboards; (2) the 131-acre North Highlands reservoir at a normal pool elevation of 269 feet msl; (3) a powerhouse, integral with the dam, containing four generating units with a total installed capacity of 29,600 kW, and (4) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a new 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 December 31, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6523-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Part B Permit Application, Permit Modifications, and Special Permits

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Part B Permit Application,

Permit Modifications, and Special Permits, OMB No. 2050-0009, expires on March 31, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1573.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact David Eberly at (703) 308-8645.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Part B Permit Application, Permit Modifications, and Special Permits, OMB Control No. 2050-0009, EPA ICR No. 1573.06, expiring on March 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 3005 of Subtitle C of RCRA requires treatment, storage or disposal (TSD) facilities to obtain a permit. To obtain the permit, the TSD must submit an application describing the facility's operation. There are two parts to the RCRA permit application—part A and part B. Part A defines the processes to be used for treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes; the design capacity of such processes; and the specific hazardous wastes to be handled at the facility. Part B requires detailed site specific information such as geologic, hydrologic, and engineering data. In the event that permit modifications are proposed by the applicant or EPA, modifications must conform to the requirements under sections 3004 and 3005.

This ICR provides a comprehensive discussion of the requirements for owner/operators of TSDs submitting applications for a part B permit or permit modification. The information collections contained in this ICR are divided into three sections: demonstrations and exemptions from requirements (40 CFR part 264), contents of the part B application (40 CFR part 270), and permit modifications and special permits (40 CFR part 270).

EPA needs the information for demonstrations and exemptions from requirements to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of petitions for exemptions submitted by owner/operators. These requirements insure that only facilities fully protective of human health and the environment are granted exemptions, and contribute to

EPA's goal of preventing contamination of the environment from hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal practices.

EPA needs the information for contents of the part B Application to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the claims made in the petitions for exemptions submitted by owner/operators. These requirements contribute to EPA's goal of ensuring that hazardous waste management facilities are closed in a manner fully protective of human health and the environment.

EPA needs the information for Permit Application to comprehensively evaluate the potential risk posed by facilities seeking permits. This information aids EPA in meeting its goal of ascertaining and minimizing risks to human health and the environment from hazardous waste management facilities.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on July 23, 1999 (64 FR 39986); no comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 307 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Owners/operators of facilities that treat, store or disposes of regulated wastes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 579.

*Frequency of Response:* occasional.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 177,543 hours.