

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2585-000]****Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC;
Notice of Authorization for Continued
Project Operation**

September 13, 2000.

On January 4, 1999, Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC, licensee for the Idols Project No. 2585, filed an application for surrender of license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2585 is located on the Yadkin River in Forsyth and Davie Counties, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2585 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2585 is issued for a period effective August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before July 31, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Idols Project No. 2585 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 11685-001 Ohio]****The Stockport Mill Country Inn; Notice
of Availability of Environmental
Assessment**

September 13, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license for the proposed Stockport Mill Country Inn Water Power Project, located on the Muskingum River, near the town of Stockport, Morgan County, Ohio, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, 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 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rim.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Stockport Mill Country Inn Project No. 11685" to all

comments. For further information, contact Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP00-404-000]****Texas Eastern Transmission
Corporation; Notice of Intent To
Prepare an Environmental Assessment
for the Proposed Columbia Liberty
Project, Request for Comments on
Environmental Issues, and Notice of
Site Visit**

September 13, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Columbia Liberty Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania.¹ Texas Eastern proposes to expand its existing Philadelphia Lateral System to supply 84,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to the Columbia Liberty Plant, a 567.7 megawatt gas-fired electric power plant presently being constructed in the Borough of Eddysburg in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

If you are a landowner on Texas Eastern's existing or proposed route and receive this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by FERC entitled "An Interstate Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Texas Eastern provided to landowners. This

¹ Texas Eastern's application was filed with the Commission on July 13, 2000, under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.