

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2177-041]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 31, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application filed August 24, 2000, requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the City of Columbus Water Works (CWW) to withdraw up to 90.0 million gallons per day (MGD) from Lake Oliver reservoir, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed and alternative actions.

The proposed water withdrawal, which is equivalent to approximately 140 cubic feet per second, is needed to provide treated water for domestic and industrial consumption in the Columbus, Georgia region. CWW's existing intake and pumping station at Lake Oliver are able to accommodate the withdrawal of 90 MGD; consequently, the proposed action would not involve any land-disturbing or new construction activities on project lands.

Copies of the Draft 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 document also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments on the Draft EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Dave Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Lake Oliver Water Withdrawal, Project No. 2177-041" to the first page of your comments. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2901-008; Project No. 2902-009 Virginia]

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 31, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Big Island Hydroelectric Project and the Holcomb Rock Hydroelectric Project, located on the James River in Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. No federal lands or Indian reservations are occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (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., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2901-008 and Project No. 2902-009 to all comments. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Intent to File Application for a New License**

January 31, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
 - b. *Project No:* 2145.
 - c. *Date filed:* January 12, 2001.
 - d. *Submitted By:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington.
 - e. *Name of Project:* Rocky Reach Project.
 - f. *Location:* On the Columbia River near the city of Wenatchee, in Chelan and Douglas counties, in Washington state.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
 - h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington. Contact Rosana Sokolowski at 509-663-8121 or Email: rosana@chelanpud.org.
 - i. *FERC Contact:* Vince E. Yearick, (202) 219-3073, vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us.
 - j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* June 30, 2006.
 - k. *Project Description:* The Rocky Reach project consists of a 130-foot high concrete gravity dam on the Columbia River. The powerhouse is 1,088 feet long, 210 feet wide and 218 feet high. It contains 11 generating units with a peak capacity of 1,280 megawatts. The spillway includes 12 gates, each 50 feet wide, that regulate the surface elevation of the reservoir. The project includes fish passage facilities.
1. The license states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2145. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be