

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Vail Hydroelectric Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on the Passumpsic River, in the Village of Lyndonville, within the county of Caledonia, Vermont. No federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project.

The EA 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.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (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 Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 3090-008 to all comments. Comments 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

For further information, contact Timothy Looney at (202) 219-2852.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10855-002, Michigan]

Upper Peninsula Power Company, Marquette Board of Light and Power Project No. 2589-024, Michigan; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 1, 2002.

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

contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 380 (18 CFR part 380) [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897], the Office of Energy Projects Staff (Staff) has reviewed the application for an initial license for the Dead River Project and a new license for the Marquette Project, both located on the Dead River in Marquette County, Michigan, and has prepared a final environmental assessment (FEA) for the projects. In this FEA, the Staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the existing projects and has concluded that licensing the projects, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA 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. This FEA may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link; select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

August 1, 2002.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 1895-012.

c. *Date Filed:* July 10, 2002.

d. *Applicants:* South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (Transferor) and the City of Columbia, South Carolina (Transferee).

e. *Name of Project:* Columbia.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Broad and Congaree Rivers in the City of Columbia and Richland County, South Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicants Contacts:* Brian J. McManus, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, 51 Louisiana Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2113, (202) 879-5452 (for the Transferor); Frances E. Francis and

William S. Huang, Spiegel & McDiarmid, 1350 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-4798, (202) 879-4000 (for the Transferee).

i. *FERC Contact:* Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* August 16, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the Project Number (1895-012) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* As consideration for entering into a franchise agreement to supply electricity and gas service, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) has agreed (pursuant to a Conveyance Agreement), to convey to the City of Columbia, South Carolina (City), the Columbia area transit system operated by SCE&G, and the Columbia Project No. 1895. Consequently, SCE&G and the City seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Columbia Project from SCE&G to the City. On May 30, 2002, the Commission issued SCE&G a new license for the project. 99 FERC ¶ 62,152 (2002), reh'g filed, July 1, 2002. The application also includes a request to delete (as inapplicable to the City) Article 204 (requirement for maintaining amortization reserves) of the new license, upon approval of the transfer.

l. *Location of the Application:* This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www/ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

Comments, protests, and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, 214. In determining the appropriate action to

take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Temporary Variance and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 1, 2002.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Request for temporary variance to minimum flow releases.
- b. *Project No:* 2197-054.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 22 and July 26, 2002.
- d. *Applicant:* Alcoa Power Generating Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Yadkin.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Yadkin/Pee Dee River, in Montgomery, Stanley, Davidson, Rowan, and Davie Counties, North Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791 (a) 825(r) and §§ 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Julian Polk, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., 293 NC 740 Highway, P.O. Box 576, Badin, NC 28009-0576, (704) 422-5617.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. T.J. LoVullo at (202) 219-1168, or e-mail address: thomas.lovullo@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* August 23, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2197) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Request:* As the result of a meeting held on July 25, 2002, Alcoa Power Generating Inc. (APGI or licensee), Duke Energy, Carolina Power and Light, Commission staff, and representatives from the resources agencies with responsibility for water for the States of North Carolina and South Carolina concerning the drought in the project area and reservoir levels in the project reservoirs, there emerged a consensus that it would be prudent on behalf of all users of water in the watershed to further reduce minimum releases from the Yadkin Project from 1,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 900 cfs as measured at the Rockingham, NC stream gage. Accordingly, APGI requested from the Commission that it be granted a temporary variance of the license requirements permitting APGI to coordinate Yadkin Project operations with Carolina Power and Light's Tillery and Blewett Falls developments such that Pee Dee River flows, measured at the Rockingham gage, are at least 900 cfs on a daily basis through September 15, 2002. Secondly, APGI requested a temporary variance of the operating guides to draw down Narrows reservoir (Badin Lake) at increments to be determined in consultation with the Water Resources Division of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. On July 30, 2002, the Commission granted the licensee's requests, but reserved authority to require changes in project operation based upon comments received from this notice.

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may also be

viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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