

protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION”, “COMPETING APPLICATION”, “PROTEST”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission’s regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Change of Commission Meeting Dates for 2002

August 2, 2002.

The Chairman has approved a change to the public meeting schedule for September through December 2002. The change consists of an additional public meeting scheduled for September 5, 2002. Accordingly, the revised schedule for public meetings for September through December 2002 is as follows:

Thursday, September 5, 2002
Wednesday, September 18, 2002
Wednesday, October 9, 2002
Wednesday, October 30, 2002
Wednesday, November 20, 2002

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina Rates, Rate Order No. SEPA-41

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Department of Energy, confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, Rate Schedules SOCO-1-A, SOCO-2-A, SOCO-3-A, SOCO-4-A, ALA-1-J, MISS-1-J, Duke-1-A, Duke-2-A, Duke-3-A, Duke-4-A, Santee-1-A, Santee-2-A, Santee-3-A, Santee-4, SCE&G-1-A, SCE&G-2-A, SCE&G-3-A, SCE&G-4-A, Regulation-1, Replacement-1, Pump-1-A, and Pump-2. The rates were approved on an interim basis through September 30, 2007, and are subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on a final basis.

DATES: Approval of rate on an interim basis is effective through September 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, by Order issued February 26, 1999, in Docket No. EF98-3011-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, SCE&G-1, SCE&G-2, SCE&G-3, SCE&G-4, and Pump-1. On April 23, 1999, in Docket No. EF98-3011-001, the Commission issued an order granting rehearing for further consideration. On July 31, 2001, in the same docket number, the Commission issued an order denying rehearing. Rate schedules SOCO-1-A, SOCO-2-A, SOCO-3-A, SOCO-4-A, ALA-1-J, MISS-1-J, Duke-1-A, Duke-2-A, Duke-3-A, Duke-4-A, Santee-1-A, Santee-2-A, Santee-3-A, Santee-4-A, SCE&G-1-A, SCE&G-2-A, SCE&G-3-A, SCE&G-4-A, Regulation-1, Replacement-1, Pump-1-A, and Pump-2 replace these schedules.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Spencer Abraham,
Secretary.

Order Confirming and Approving Power Rates on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744 (May 30, 1986), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Under Secretary the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. On December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy issued Delegation Order No. 00-001.00, granting the Deputy Secretary authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect Southeastern’s rates on an interim basis. Because there is no Deputy Secretary at the present time, the Secretary of Energy has exercised his authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on an interim basis the rate schedules in Southeastern Rate Order No. 41.

Background

Power from the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, SCE&G-1, SCE&G-2, SCE&G-3, SCE&G-4, and Pump-1. These rate schedules were approved by the FERC on February 26, 1999, for a period ending September 30, 2003 (93 FERC 62100).

Public Notice and Comment

Notice of proposed rate adjustment was published in the **Federal Register** March 13, 2002 (67 FR 11325). In the notice, SEPA proposed four rate alternatives for public comment. SEPA proposed two rate alternatives that would continue the current rate design that included estimated purchases of replacement energy in the capacity and energy charges from SEPA. These were