

n. *Competing Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Competing Development Application*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

p. *Notice of Intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

q. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

r. *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.

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 "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any paper 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. Any of these 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

t. *Agency Comment*—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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 199-205]

South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

March 26, 2004.

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

a. *Type of Application*: New Major License.

b. *Project No.*: 199-205.

c. *Date Filed*: March 15, 2004.

d. *Applicant*: South Carolina Public Service Authority.

e. *Name of Project*: Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Santee and Cooper Rivers in Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, and Sumter counties, near Moncks Corner, South Carolina. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: John Dulude, South Carolina Public Service Authority, One Riverwood Plaza, P.O. Box 2946101, Moncks Corner, SC 29461-2901, (843) 761.4046.

i. *FERC Contact*: Ronald McKittrick, (770) 452.3778 or ronald.mckittrick@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies*: We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* May 14, 2004.

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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The existing Santee Cooper Project consists of the Santee Development: (1) Hydraulic fill 4.4 mile long, 50 foot high North Dam (2) homogeneous rolled, 2.8 mile long, 48 foot high South Dam (3) 3,358 foot spillway, powerhouse with the installed capacity of 1.92 MW; the Cooper Development (4) earthfill, 3,700 foot long, 60 foot high East Dam, (5) earthfill, 6,000 foot long, 78 foot high West Dam, (6) uncompacted fill, 29.8 mile long, 25 foot high, east, west, north dikes, (7) powerhouse with the installed capacity of 132.62 MW, and (8) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 106, 530 megawatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *South Carolina STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter—July 2004

Issue Acceptance Letter—October 2004

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—January 2005

Request Additional Information—March 2005

Issue Scoping Document 2—April 2005

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis—May 2005

Notice of the availability of the EA—November 2005

Ready for Commission's decision on the application—February 2006

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

[Rate Order No. WAPA-112]

Desert Southwest Customer Service Region

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order extending network integration transmission and ancillary service rates.

SUMMARY: This action is to extend the existing Rate Schedules DSW-SD1, DSW-RS1, DSW-FR1, DSW-EI1, DSW-SPR1, DSW-SUR1, PD-NTS1, and INT-NTS1 for the Desert Southwest Customer Service Region network integration transmission services for the Parker-Davis Project and the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project and ancillary services for the Western Area Lower Colorado control area through March 31, 2005. The additional time is needed to accommodate changes in the firm transmission rate due to the upcoming

Multi-System Transmission Rate (MSTR) Public Process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 352-2442, e-mail jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00 approved December 6, 2001, the Secretary delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The existing rates contained within Rate Order No. WAPA-84 were approved for a 5-year period, beginning April 1, 1999, and ending March 31, 2004.

Western is currently evaluating methodologies and preparing to enter into a public process proposing an MSTR for cost recovery purposes for the Parker-Davis Project, the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project and the Central Arizona Project. The methodologies to charge for the network integration transmission service are currently written to apply to each Project. Through the public process, these service methodologies will be changed to accommodate some variation of the proposed MSTR. Western believes that the additional time afforded by extending the date for the expiration of the network integration transmission and ancillary services will allow Western to develop new rates to facilitate cost recovery in the future. In order to conduct the planned MSTR public process, the current Rate Schedules must be extended pursuant to 10 CFR 903. The rate schedules covered by Rate Order No. WAPA-84 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-112.

Western's existing formulary rate schedules for network integration transmission and ancillary services, which are recalculated annually, would sufficiently recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through March 31, 2005.

Following review of Western's proposal within the DOE, I approve Rate Order No. WAPA-112, which extends the existing Network Integration Transmission and Ancillary Service Rates through March 31, 2005.