

an amendment, but may file additional comments by the comment date below. Otherwise there are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of the amendment in Docket No. CP04-13-002. First, any person who is not already a party to these proceedings wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date indicated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission by the date indicated below an original and two copies of their comments in support of or in opposition to this amendment. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the amendment provide copies of their protests only to the applicant and any party directly involved in the protest. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. 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.

*Comment Date:* September 21, 2004.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Duke Power, A Division of Duke Energy Corporation, South Carolina; Project No. 2503-080; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 13, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR Part 380), the Commission's staff have reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Keowee-Jocassee Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2503) and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application. The project consists of two reservoirs, Lake Jocassee and Lake Keowee. The proposed site for non-project use is in Oconee County, South Carolina, located on Lake Keowee. Lake Keowee is located on the Keowee River.

Specifically, the project licensee (Duke Power) has requested Commission approval to permit Keowee Town Houses, LLC, to construct and operate a commercial/residential marina on Lake Keowee. The marina will include 10 cluster docks with a total of 56 boat slips, and will be used privately by the residents of The Towne Homes at Keowee subdivision. In the EA, Commission staff analyzed probable environmental effects of the proposed marina improvements and have concluded that approval of the proposal, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Approving Non-project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued August 25, 2004 and is available for review in Public Reference Room 2-A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The EA also may be viewed on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-library" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY,

contact (202) 502-8659, TTY (202) 208-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OA-2004-0006, FRL-7816-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Exploring Public and Private Preferences for Children's Health Risk Reduction, EPA ICR Number 2160.01

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for a new collection. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 22, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OA-2004-0006, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathalie Simon, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Mail Code 1809T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2347; fax number: (202) 566-2363; e-mail address: [simon.nathalie@epa.gov](mailto:simon.nathalie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OA-2004-0006, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

*Title:* Exploring Public and Private Preferences for Children's Health Risk Reduction.

*Abstract:* Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency generally have as their primary purpose the safeguard of human health. Economic analyses of the regulations' costs and benefits are often required as part of the rule-making process. Executive Order 12866 for instance requires a benefit-cost analysis of every rule expected to have a significant impact of \$100 million or more.

Although most benefit cost analyses to date have been conducted using scientific and economic valuation estimates derived for adult populations, there is increased interest in conducting analyses by specific age group or life

stage. Executive Order 13045, for instance, requires all agencies to specifically consider the effects of regulations on children. Advances in the scientific community have recently resulted in age-specific assessments of risk and exposure to various environmental contaminants. Similar advances are now sought in the economics field.

Currently, little is known about how the public values reductions in risk to health for children. Only a handful of valuation estimates exist in the literature that are specific to populations under the age of 18 as noted in USEPA's Children's Health Valuation Handbook (2002). Nor is it evident how other risk characteristics (e.g. the type of risk, the uncertainty associated with the health outcome, and the populations affected) affect an individual's willingness to pay for programs to reduce these risks.

To begin addressing these gaps, the National Center for Environmental Economics, in collaboration with the Office of Children's Health Protection, is in the process of designing a survey instrument to elicit willingness to pay values for cancer risk reductions to children and adults. Several versions of the survey instrument are planned so as to adequately address differences in values for these two populations as well as to assess differences in public and private scenarios.

The purpose of the proposed ICR is to gain approval for the conduct of a series of cognitive (or one-on-one) interviews as part of the survey development process. Cognitive interviews are a crucial component in the survey development process as they allow survey developers to identify problematic approaches, terminology, and graphics in the survey instrument. A total of 72 interviews are anticipated.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* The only burden imposed by the interviews on respondents will be the time required to complete the survey and answer interview questions. The survey developers estimate that this will require an average of 1.5 hours per respondent. With a total of 72 respondents this requires a total of 108 hours. Based on an average hourly rate of \$24.95<sup>1</sup> (including employer costs of all employee benefits), the survey developers expect that the average per-respondent cost for the pilot survey will be \$37.43 and the corresponding one-time total cost to all respondents will be \$4042.00. Since this information collection is voluntary and does not involve any special equipment, respondents will not incur any capital or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: August 27, 2004.

**Al McGartland,**

*Office Director, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation.*

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<sup>1</sup> Employer costs per hour worked for employee compensation and costs as a percent of total compensation: Civilian workers, total compensation, March 2004 (<http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/eccc.t02.htm>).