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Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing Franklin Hydroelectric Project operates in a run-of-river mode, within a 6-inch tolerance band. Project operation is dependent on available flow in the Little Tennessee River. The Franklin Project consists of the following features: (1) A 462.5-foot-long, 35.5-foot-high concrete masonry dam, consisting of, from left to right facing downstream, (a) a 15-foot-long non-overflow section, (b) a 54-foot-long ungated Ogee spillway, (c) a 181.5-foot-long gated spillway section, having six gated, ogee spillway bays, (d) a 54-foot-long ungated Ogee spillway, (e) a 25-foot-long non-overflow section, and (f) a 70-foot-long non-overflow section; (2) a 4.6-mile-long, 174-acre impoundment at elevation 2000.22 msl; (3) three intake bays, each consisting of a flume and grated trashracks having a clear bar spacing of 3 inches; (4) a powerhouse having a reinforced concrete substructure and a brick superstructure, containing two turbine/generating units, having a total installed capacity of 1.040 kW; (5) a switchyard, with a single three-phase transformer; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

Duke Power estimates that the average annual generation is 5.313.065 kWh. Duke Power uses the Franklin Project facilities to generate electricity for use by retail customers living in the Duke Power-Nantahala Area.

m. 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 Web site 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](mailto: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.

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n. Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

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**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-2619-012]

### Duke Power; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

October 14, 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.:* 2619-012.

c. *Date Filed:* July 22, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Power.

e. *Name of Project:* Mission

Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The Mission Project is located on the Hiwassee River in Clay County, North 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 C. Wishon, Nantahala Area Relicensing Project Manager, Duke Power, 301 NP&L Loop, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 369-4604, [jcwishon@duke-energy.com](mailto:jcwishon@duke-energy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Carolyn Holsopple at (202) 502-6407 or [carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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l. The existing Mission Hydroelectric Project operates in a run-of-river mode, within a 6-inch tolerance band. Project operation is dependent on available flow in the Hiwassee River, which is regulated by TVA's Chatuge dam located approximately 15 miles upstream. The Mission Project consists of the following features: (1) A 397-foot-long, 50-foot-high concrete gravity dam, consisting of, from left to right facing downstream, (a) three bulkhead sections, (b) seven ogee spillway sections, surmounted by 14-foot-high by 16-foot-wide gates, (c) four bulkhead sections, (d) a powerhouse intake structure, and (e) four bulkhead sections; (2) a 47-acre impoundment at elevation 1658.17 msl; (3) three intake bays, each consisting of an 8-foot-diameter steel-cased penstock and a grated trashrack having a clear bar spacing of between 2.25 to 2.5 inches; (4) a powerhouse consisting of a reinforced concrete substructure and a brick superstructure, containing three turbine/generating units, having a total installed capacity of 1,800 kW; (5) a switchyard, with a single three-phase transformer; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

Duke Power estimates that the average annual generation is 8,134,370 kWh. Duke Power uses the Mission Project facilities to generate electricity for use by retail customers living in the Duke Power-Nantahala Area.

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**Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PL04-17-000 and AD04-11-000]

### State of the Natural Gas Industry Conference; Staff Report on Natural Gas Storage; Notice of Public Conference and Agenda

October 13, 2004.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued September 30, 2004, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a public conference on October 21, 2004, at 9 a.m., at the Commission's Offices in Washington, DC to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulation of the industry for the future, as stated in the previous notice. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## Location

The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 2-C). Observers will be accommodated on a space available basis, but seating will also be available in an overflow room, which will have a broadcast of the discussion. All visitors must check-in at the First Street entrance. All visitors should have picture identification readily available to ensure a quick check-in.

## Participation

The conference will consist of keynote opening remarks, three panel sessions and an open forum. Each panelist will give a short oral presentation lasting no more than ten minutes on their views of the panel topic and then the Commission Staff and the panelist will exchange views and questions, followed by comments or questions from the audience. If panelists are going to refer to any detailed charts or figures, they should bring 25 copies for Commission Staff and 100 copies for the audience.

The first panel session will be for comments on findings and ideas presented in the FERC Staff Report, "Current State of and Issues Concerning Underground Natural Gas Storage" and also focus on how the decisions to develop natural gas pipeline or storage projects have been impacted by existing Commission policies. The second session will consider whether a program for creating more uncommitted reserve storage and pipeline capacity could be feasible and useful for the gas industry and customers. The third session will explore the changing roles of industry segments and how that affects commodity price volatility.

Following the panel session presentations, the Commission will provide an open forum for interested persons to raise issues and make policy recommendations for Commission consideration not discussed by the panels. All open forum statements should be limited to five minutes. A sign-up sheet for the open forum will be available the morning of the conference.

## Procedures To File Written Comments

### Pre-Conference Background Information

If the panel participants shown in the Conference Agenda below want to submit background information, position statements or power point presentations concerning their topics, they are encouraged to file such items with the Commission by October 18, 2004 using the procedures below. However, live power point presentations are not going to be