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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 199-205]

South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Technical Meeting and Soliciting Scoping Comments

April 20, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are 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.
- f. *Location:* On the Santee and Cooper Rivers, in Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, and Sumter Counties, South Carolina.
- 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, ronald.mckittrick@ferc.gov, (770) 452.3778.
- j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* June 20, 2005.

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 and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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.

Scoping comments 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 is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing project structures consist of the Santee Dam (also known as the Wilson Dam) on the Santee River, the Pinopolis Dam on the Cooper River, the Diversion Canal, the Santee Spillway Hydroelectric Station, and the Jefferies (formerly known as Pinopolis) Hydroelectric Station. The project includes an estimated 179,990 acres of land and water resources. The project has two major impoundments—Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie—that are connected by the Diversion Canal. Lake Marion is up to 40 miles long and has a normal pool elevation of 75.0 feet. Lake Moultrie is about 10 miles long and has a normal pool elevation typically from 0.2 to 1.0 foot lower than Lake Marion. The two impoundments have a combined area of approximately 160,000 acres. The combined usable storage capacity of the two impoundments is approximately 529,000 acre-feet. The total installed capacity is 134.52 MW. The SCPSA operates the Santee Spillway and Jefferies Stations and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) St. Stephen Station, which is not a part of the Commission-licensed Santee Cooper Project.

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 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 e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Scoping Process

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and

reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and two public meetings. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday May 19, 2005.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Express.

Address: 505 R.C. Dennis Blvd., Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Public Scoping Meetings

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Express.

Address: 505 R.C. Dennis Blvd., Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Clarendon County Hospital Center, Cypress Center for Health and Wellness.

Address: 40 Hospital Street, Manning, South Carolina.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Site Visit

The Applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 9 a.m. on May 17 and 18, 2005. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the Jefferies Hydroelectric Station at 9 a.m. on May 17, 2005 and at Wilson Landing near the Santee Dam spillway at 9 a.m. on May 18, 2005. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. John Dulude of SCPSA at (843) 761-4046.

Technical Conference

Commission staff will hold a technical conference to discuss the issue

of fish passage, entrainment, and outmigration survival related to operation of the Santee Cooper Project. This conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Moncks Corner, South Carolina at 2 p.m. on May 19, 2005. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will not be recorded by a stenographer, but the Commission staff will prepare notes on the meeting for inclusion in the public record.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 2204-024]

City and County of Denver, CO; Notice of Application and Applicant-Prepared Ea Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, and Soliciting Comments, and Terms and Conditions

April 20, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and applicant-prepared environmental assessment have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Small hydroelectric power project exemption from licensing.

b. *Project No.:* 2204-024.

c. *Date filed:* December 30, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* City and County of Denver, Colorado, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners.

e. *Name of Project:* Williams Fork Reservoir Project.

f. *Location:* On the Williams Fork River near its confluence with the Colorado River at Parshall, in Grand County, Colorado. No Federal lands would be affected.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Kevin Urie, Environmental Planner, Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204, (303) 628-5987.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman, (202) 502-6077 or dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, and terms and conditions 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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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.

Motions to intervene and protests, comments, and terms and conditions 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.

1. *The existing project consists of:* (1) The 209-foot-high, 670-foot-long concrete thin arch dam with a crest elevation of 7,814 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) the Williams Fork reservoir with a surface area of 1,628 acres and storage of 96,822 acre-feet at elevation 7,811 feet msl; (3) a reinforced concrete penstock intake on the face of the dam, with a 7-foot by 5-foot fixed

wheel penstock gate controlling flows into a 66-inch-diameter steel penstock running through the dam; (4) river outlet works on the face of the dam, leading to a 54-inch-diameter steel embedded pipe that conveys water to the outlet works valves; (5) a 66-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, 60-foot-high concrete powerhouse at the toe of the dam, containing one vertical-axis turbine/generator with a capacity of 3,150 kilowatts (kW); (6) a tailrace excavated in the streambed rock, carrying the combined powerhouse and river outlet discharges; (7) a 60-foot by 40-foot switchyard; (8) and appurtenant equipment.

The applicant would increase the project's generating capacity to 3,650 kW by installing a second, 500-kW vertical turbine/generator. The new unit would be located adjacent to the existing powerhouse inside the river outlet works structure and would discharge into the same tailrace as the existing turbine via a weir box. The new unit would use water being released from the reservoir for other purposes, and operation of the dam would not be changed to increase power production.

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 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.

n. 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.

All filings must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," or "TERMS AND CONDITIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone