

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11588-011, Alaska]

#### Alaska Power and Telephone Company; Notice of Availability of Environment Assessment

January 17, 2006.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by the Alaska Power and Telephone Company (licensee) on October 17, 2005, requesting Commission approval to make certain design and site location changes to project facilities as licensed. The changes include: (1) Constructing a 675-foot-long, 9 foot horseshoe tunnel to provide a route for the upper section of the penstock and access to the diversion structure, (2) altering the penstock composition and alignment and the alignment and width of the access road for a length of 2,860 feet, (3) moving the powerhouse 80 feet south of the original location and increase the tailrace length from 75 feet to 163 feet, (4) moving the marine access about 600 feet north of the original location and construct a 250-foot-long jetty with a quay and boat ramp; and (5) constructing a 33,000 square-foot rockfill staging area onshore.

The EA evaluates the environmental impacts that would result from approving the licensee's proposed changes to certain project facilities and locations. Some additional ground disturbance would occur but impacts to the terrestrial and marine environments are expected to be minor and short term. The EA finds that approval of the amendment application 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 Amending License", issued January 12, 2006, and is available in the Commission's Public Reference Room. A copy of the EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-11588) in the docket field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 17, 2006.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.
- b. *Project No.:* 2503-092.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 21, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Keowee-Toxaway Project.
- f. *Location:* Lake Keowee is located in Pickens and Oconee County, South Carolina. This project does not occupy any tribal or federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r) and 799 and 801.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Joe Hall, Lake Management Representative; Duke Energy Corporation; P.O. Box 1006; Charlotte, NC 28201-1006; 704-382-8576.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Brian Romanek at (202) 502-6175 or by e-mail: [Brian.Romanek@ferc.gov](mailto:Brian.Romanek@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* February 17, 2006.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2503-092) on any comments or motions filed. 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 the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages e-filings.

k. *Description of Request:* Duke Power, licensee for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project, has requested Commission authorization to lease project lands to Outerbanks, Inc. for the purpose of reconfiguring a marina previously approved by the Commission. The reconfiguration would reduce the existing marina footprint from 1.62 acres to 1.56 acres and the number of boat slips from 56 to 54. The marina would accommodate residents of the Outerbanks Subdivision on Lake

Keowee off of Hatteras Ridge Road in Six Mile, South Carolina. (Pickens County).

l. *Location of the Application:* This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. 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.

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

p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described applications. A copy of the applications 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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8024-4]

### Office of the Science Advisor; Office of Research and Development; Broad Agency Announcement for Conferences, Workshops, or Meetings

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) soliciting applications from eligible applicants for the planning, arranging, administering, and conducting of conferences, workshops, and/or meetings in the areas of EPA mission related issues connected to protecting, human health and safeguarding the natural environment; advancing the scientific and technical research that promotes environmental protection; exploring current and emerging issues of importance to environmental protection; and/or encouraging collaboration among the nation's best scientists and engineers in academia, business and nonprofit research institutes.

**DATES:** The opening date for this BAA is January 19, 2006 and it will close on January 18, 2007. The Agency will make funding decisions on a quarterly basis beginning approximately April 18, 2006, and thereafter approximately every three months. The next funding decisions will be approximately on July 17, 2006, October 16, 2006, and January 16, 2007. However, in order for a proposal to be considered for funding, it must be received by EPA no later than three months prior to the start of the conference for which the applicant is requesting EPA funding under this BAA and no later than January 18, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eligibility Contact: Michael Bender, 202-564-6829; email: [bender.michael@epa.gov](mailto:bender.michael@epa.gov) Electronic Submissions: ORD Call Center (Phone: 202-343-5500) Technical Contact: [Michael Bender, Project Officer]; Phone: 202-564-6829; e-mail: [bender.michael@epa.gov](mailto:bender.michael@epa.gov)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

Advancing sound science on cross-cutting issues at EPA is a goal of the Office of the Science Advisor (OSA), Office of Research and Development (ORD) which is based at EPA headquarters in Washington, DC. OSA, Office of Research and Development's

mission includes supporting leading-edge research to stimulate the sound use of science and technology to fulfill EPA's mission to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment. One way to accomplish this is to provide broad informational technical support through conferences, which further environmental research by communicating ideas, knowledge, expertise, innovation and creativity in solving complex environmental issues. The Agency intends to assist in this sharing of information with the broad scientific community by awarding grant/cooperative agreement support for such efforts. The Agency also encourages the coordination and use of EPA funding with other Federal and/or non Federal sources of funds to leverage additional resources to carry out the proposed effort. Applicants may use their own funds or other resources (e.g. support from a collaborating institution or organization) for a voluntary match or cost share if the standards at 40 CFR 30.23 or 40 CFR 31.24, as applicable, are met.

#### II. Eligibility Information

States, territories and possessions, and Tribal nations of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, local governments, other public or private nonprofit institutions, are eligible to apply. Universities and educational institutions must be subject to OMB Circular A-21. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive grants from the EPA under this program.

Eligible nonprofit organizations include any organizations that meet the definition of nonprofit in OMB Circular A-122. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that lobby are not eligible to apply.

#### III. Award Information

*Anticipated Type of Award:* Grant or Cooperative Agreement.

*Estimated Number of Awards Under this BAA:* Approximately 25 awards depending upon the amount of any individual award.

*Anticipated Funding Amount:* Office of the Science Advisor (OSA), Office of Research and Development may have up to an estimated \$150,000 for awards under this BAA; other ORD offices may have additional funding of up to an estimated \$600,000 available for awards under this BAA—therefore the total estimated amount available for all awards under this BAA may be approximately \$750,000.